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■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

TESCO has hit back at widespread criticism from traders and political parties over its community cash hand-out ahead of expanding its Crescent Road store.

The supermarket giant has come under fire in recent weeks over what is known as a 106 agreement with the council, in relation to the proposed extension of the existing Faversham shop.

Under the terms of the agreement, it has offered £183,000 to pay for a variety of community projects as part of the multi-million pound development plan.

But Faversham Enterprise Partnership, a body representing the town's traders, said they were disappointed at the offer, and suggested it set a dangerous precedent for future developers.

And Faversham's Labour Party branch labeled the offer "derisory", calling on Swale council to insist on £500,000.

Yet Tesco say this figure is not realistic, arguing that a larger 106 agreement could be seen as bribery.

Tesco bosses also said that comparing projected profits with the size of the 106 agreement goes against government guidelines which state "planning obligations should never be used purely as a means of securing for the local community a share in the profits of development".

A spokesman said: "Tesco works within the democratic planning process at all times, we can't just pay the local authority lots of money to get permission for an extension, that would be wrong and open to legal challenge."

"There is strong government guidance for local councils in how they agree section 106s; we must

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## NEW TWIST IN STORE SAGA

Supermarket giant Tesco has hit back at critics who have blasted its £183,000 offer to the town over expansion plans for its Faversham store. It says it cannot 'just pay the local authority lots of money for an extension' and points to the benefits it will bring to the town such as new jobs and more choice.

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# A cautious welcome for train victory

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FAVERSHAM will receive a full high-speed rail service in 2009 as rail bosses bow to public pressure.

Tory MP Hugh Robertson, who met with the managing director of Southeastern Trains, Charles Horton, in October, described the news as "a very exciting development for the town", although cautioned that the battle is only half won.

Mr Robertson said: "I am delighted the new high-speed service will stop at Faversham twice an hour and believe that it will significantly widen the range of opportunities open to train travellers in the town.

"The next battle is to maintain the full existing service to Victoria and Cannon Street, particularly during peak times, as this is vital to Faversham's existing commuters.

"I am delighted to say that Southeastern is extremely receptive to this argument and I am hopeful of a successful outcome with the Department of Transport."

The initial plan was for the regular high-speed train service to terminate at Sittingbourne with only a more limited service coming on to Faversham. Last week's announcement means the full service will now come to the town.

It will open up the east end of London and the Docklands, through Ebbsfleet, and provide a through service to the north of England for the first time.

Faversham Labour Party spokesman Ross Shimmon said: "It appears our long-running campaign to have the new trains start and terminate at Faversham rather than Sittingbourne during the off-peak period has succeeded.

"But of course that is only part of the story and I would say the battle



**ON TRACK:** A high-speed train service has finally been secured for Faversham travellers

is about a quarter won."

Commuters are still waiting to hear about proposed reductions in services to London Victoria and Cannon Street once the high-speed line is opened in 2009, and Mr Shimmon flagged up several other concerns.

He said: "We need to continue to campaign on many other aspects of the proposals; the severe reductions proposed for off-peak services to Victoria, the ill-thought out idea to extend the current shuttle service between Sheerness and Sittingbourne to run from Sheerness to Dover; the proposal that travel cards will not be available to passengers to St Pancras; and the proposed premium fares for the route."

Mr Shimmon pointed out there will be no time saved on the London to Victoria routes as these trains will continue to use the old lines. Only the trains to St Pancras will use the high-speed route for part of their journey.

## 'Store will create dozens of new jobs'

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work within those guidelines."

The supermarket group, which stands to make an estimated £360 million over the next 10 years from the Faversham store, claims the extension will provide a multitude of advantages for the town, and that local people are looking forward to a larger store.

A spokesman said: "The real story here is the millions of pounds of investment that Tesco is putting into securing the future of the historic Grade II listed brewery buildings.

"Bringing them back into use as apartments and a restaurant will improve the area. The extended store will create dozens of new jobs and attract more shoppers to the town.

"The feedback from last year's public consultation was good, showing wide support from local people for our plans."

The extension, which will expand the supermarket's product range into clothes and white goods, has concerned the town's traders who say it will put them in direct competition with the retail giant.

## yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

### Dance helps pupils to express themselves

EXOTIC dances featured as part of geography lessons for pupils at St Mary of Charity School, Faversham.

The youngsters tried Indian dancing under the careful tuition of choreographer Sujata Banerjee in an effort to make lessons more creative.

Teacher Natalie White said: "Staff have found that children who are not the most gifted in other ways, such as writing, have benefited from being given other means of expressing themselves."

### Shop's sweet on old style confectionery

ANYONE with a sweet tooth should head to Preston Street where a new shop is bringing the favourites of yesteryear back to life.

The Sweet Scene is a traditional sweet and ice-cream shop selling glass jars full of sherbet lemons, toffee crumble, violet creams, Tom Thumb drops and many other old favourites.

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# Pub is rocked as stars play for the locals

## Landlord's musical friends stage gig

BETWEEN them they have played alongside some of music's legends – and rocked crowds of hundreds of thousands.

But on Sunday it was in the rather more modest surroundings of a village pub that they combined to make up a super-group in front of just 300 music lovers.

The Three Mariners in Oare was the unusual setting for the gig – but not when you realise who the new landlord is.

Hamish Stuart, 59, was a former member of the chart-topping Average White Band, and toured the world as a backing musician to ex-Beatle Paul McCartney.

He recently took over the pub and to mark the occasion invited some of his musician chums from the world of rock and jazz to play with him as

■ BY NICK AMES

part of the band Jim Jam.

And instead of the 30 expected, more than 300 people turned up to catch them in action.

Playing were jazz guitarist Jim Mullen, bassist Pino Palladino who has just finished touring with The Who, drummer Ian Thomas and keyboard player Graham Harvey of soul jazz legends Incognito

It may not be the Maracana in Rio – where 250,000 fans once rocked the stadium as Mr Stuart played guitar with Paul McCartney – but Yourswale was in on the action in a packed pub.

Mr Stuart, who has also been playing in Ringo Starr's All Star Band said: "It's great to get all the guys together to play.

"But I am also really enjoying run-

ning the pub. Making records and writing songs is a sedentary sort of thing but this is pretty active.

"I'm in and out of the cellar like a crazy man."

And as the band prepare to record their second album, he's enjoying getting back to basics.

"After all, playing this sort of venue is where we started and there is an instant connection with the audience.

"They are a few feet away instead of 10 metres so you can see every face."

But for now he and wife Claire are concentrating on building up the pub business.

"We love Kent," he said. "You can turn a corner and find the most amazing places, orchards with roads weaving through them.

"I enjoy it all – all is part of life's rich tapestry. Our chef will say when I come in with dirty plates it's a far cry from the Maracana or Shea Stadium but I love it."



WE'RE JAMMING: Musician Hamish Stuart entertained a 300-strong crowd when he took the small stage with a group of friends at his pub The Three Mariners on Sunday afternoon

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## Creek's paddle

A ONE-off payment of £20,000 has been won to help revitalise Faversham Creek.

Town councillor John Coulter persuaded members to double the amount of money given to the creek consortium, a body responsible for regenerating the creek and developing its traditional maritime industries.

Cllr Coulter told fellow members, who were planning to give £10,000 to the creek consortium: "If we get the creek right, it will be of benefit to the whole town."

The payment would match those being made by the municipal charities.

## Yet another delay in chief executive disciplinary case

THE OUTCOME of top-earning council chief executive Mark Bilsborough's long-awaited disciplinary hearing is expected to be delayed for a fortnight.

Proceedings were halted last week as Mr Bilsborough's mother passed away at her home in Blackpool.

The hearing finally began on Thursday, January 10 – more than a year after the 47-year-old was placed on fully paid 'gardening leave'.

It had been due to conclude by the end of the month but has been postponed until all parties can agree on a restart date.

Mr Bilsborough, who earns about £150,000 a year, went before employment and discrimination law specialist John Bowers QC to answer complaints lodged against him in December 2006.

The expert will rule on whether to bring Mr Bilsborough's short tenure at Swale council to an end.

Mr Bilsborough, who took charge of the council in January

2006, has been on paid leave from his position for 13 months, when criticisms were filed.

An 'investigatory panel' met in August and voted to appoint an independent expert to probe the case and make a ruling.

Matthew Sinclair, policy analyst at the Taxpayers' Alliance, hit out at the time it has taken for the case to reach this point.

He said: "Residents in Swale have seen their council tax rise year after year. They shouldn't be paying an enormous salary to an official who isn't even in work."

"Too many times we've seen taxpayers footing the bill for lingering disciplinary proceedings that should be dealt with more quickly."

Council leader Andrew Bowles said he was "terribly frustrated" the process had taken so long.

He said: "It does take an inordinate amount of time to reach a resolution but if taxpayers were in that disciplinary situation they would expect the same protection as laid down by Parliament."

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## Big turn out for Invicta FM's inaugural jobs fair

A CAREERS exhibition staged by commercial radio station Invicta FM proved just the job as more than 1,500 paid a visit.

The Whitstable-based station's first Careers Expo took place last week at Westgate Hall in Canterbury.

And listeners responded in their droves to find out about a range of professions and further education opportunities.

There were 29 exhibitors, including Kent police, Eurostar UK, PC World, Kent County Council, Christ Church University and Canterbury College.

Alex Jackson, from AXA PPP Healthcare in Tunbridge Wells, said: "We have a number of people interested in the positions that we are recruiting for at the moment and we have met people who are now thinking AXA after university."

Breakfast show hosts James Heming and Ali Wheeler were also on hand to give an insight into the worlds of radio and media.

Emma Liddiard, Invicta FM's head of sales, said: "The Invicta FM Careers Expo offered an excellent opportunity for people from all over Kent to meet face-to-face with some of the county's biggest and best employers, gain personal experience of a range of different companies and organisations, each wishing to invest in new talent.

"Exhibitors and visitors alike appeared more than happy with the event and we look forward to developing more events in the future."

## Professor lifts lid on how sport fuels tourism boom

A LEADING expert on major sporting events has published a new book examining the link between sport and tourism.

Canterbury Christ Church University's expert on the Olympics and the Tour de France, Professor Mike Weed, has edited the book which brings together a wide range of contemporary research on sports tourism by renowned academics.

The book, entitled Sport and Tourism: A Reader, explores issues such as: The behaviours of sports spectators; the motivations of adventure tourists; how sporting events generate tourism income for local communities; and the challenges facing national and local policy makers to ensure sport and tourism work effectively together.

Professor Weed said: "This book is the first to present an international review of worldwide academic literature about the relationship between sport and tourism."

Last year Canterbury saw the benefits of hosting a major event when the Tour de France came to the city.

# String of stars line-up for specialist guitars

COUNTING Status Quo, Sinead O'Connor and Turin Brakes among his customers, dedication has paid off for Canterbury luthier Alister Atkin.

The guitar maker, based in an unassuming industrial unit at Hersden, has been crafting instruments – including mandolins and several types of acoustic guitar – since he first made one as a pupil at St Edmund's School.

Mr Atkin said: "It's all I've ever done, and all I've ever really wanted to do. It becomes something of an obsession. I lay awake at night thinking 'I wonder if that combination of wood would work? I'll try that tomorrow'."

After learning joinery at the esteemed London School of Furniture, Mr Atkin became apprentice to local luthier Andy Crockett, and they still share the workshop in Hersden.

Over the last few years Mr Atkin has built

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

250 guitars, experimenting with woods and finishes and winning fans among some of the world's most famous players. He has even taken on his own apprentice who will help him up production from 50 to 100 instruments a year over the next 12 months.

Mr Atkin is currently working on an instrument for ex-Pulp guitarist Richard Hawley, but remembers when it was a struggle to sell any of his instruments.

He said: "At the beginning I had to do as much networking as possible. There was lots of knocking on doors and thrusting guitars into people's hands.

"My first break came with a guitarist called Boo Hewerdine. We were able to get reviews in magazines and it really took off from there.

"Status Quo was an accident. An engineer had invited me up to a studio to meet Richard Ashcroft from the Verve, and I went up and

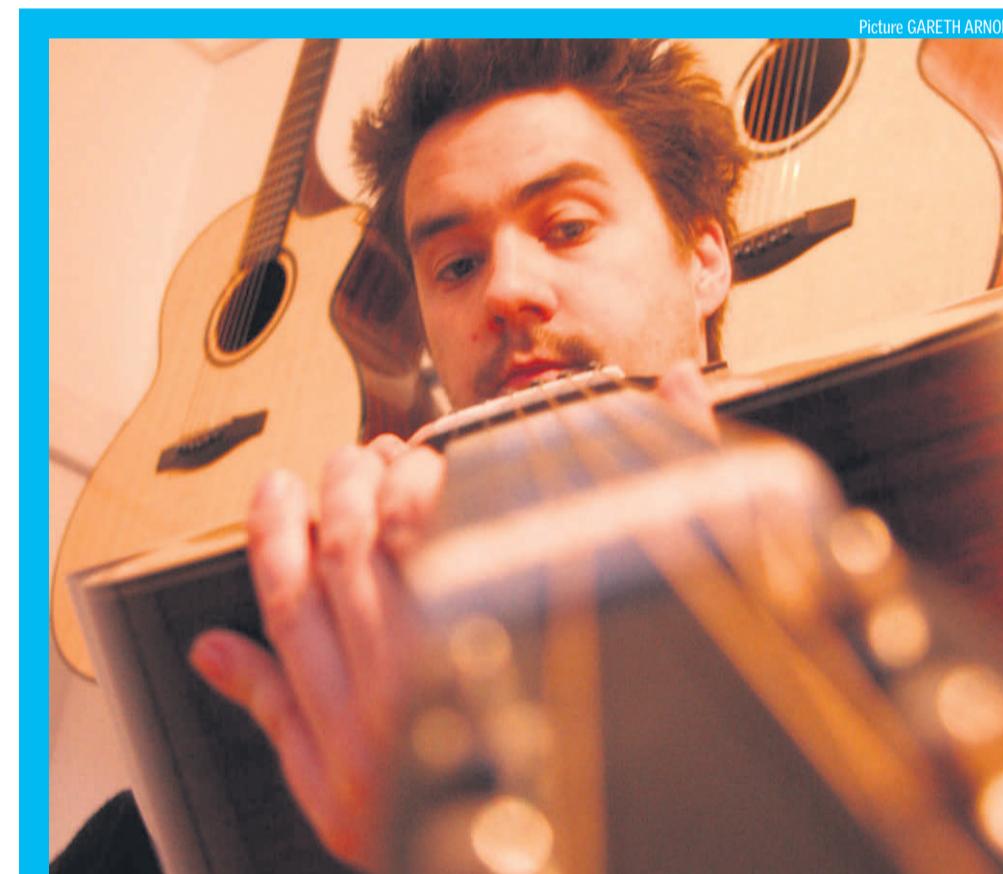
spoke to him for a bit – he was a really nice guy – and left him a guitar.

"About a week later, the engineer phoned me and said 'Richard says it's not really his cup of tea, but Status Quo have just been in and they want one each'."

Unlike American makers like Gibson and Martin from whom Mr Atkin draws inspiration, Atkin guitars, while not cheap by most people's standards, represent an affordable way into the exclusive world of hand-built instruments.

He said: "I started in a garage in Bridge near Canterbury, then I moved from various sheds and farm buildings until we came here. I remember thinking will anyone really pay more than £1,000 for one of my guitars?"

"My guitars are quite traditional. Acoustic guitarists in general are quite conservative, so I don't offer anything too wild, although we will discuss what the customer wants. Although they normally come to us because they know what we do best."



Picture GARETH ARNOLD

## TUNE IN TO OUR SITE TO WATCH A GUITAR BORN

FOR an in-depth look at how Alister Atkin turns raw slabs of rosewood into beautiful bespoke instruments check out our free broadband website [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

Gareth Arnold visited the Atkin workshop in Hersden recently to film Mr Atkin at work and find out how he makes the instruments that are fast making him famous.

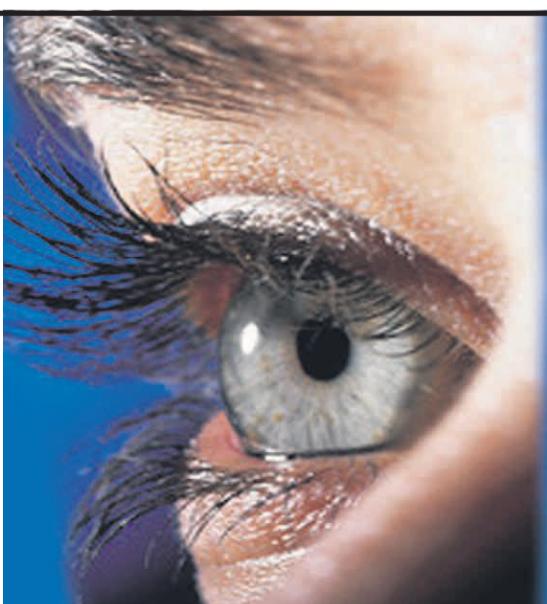
Mr Atkin said: "If you gave ten guitar makers the same piece of wood, every guitar would sound different. With the first fifty guitars you make you are defining your sound, and from then on you know what works for you."

The short film follows the process from start to finish, uncovering the amazing attention to detail required to produce world-leading luthiery.

From picking out perfect bits of wood to finishing the guitar with the thinnest of treatments so as to preserve the natural resonance, the intricate process is explained by Mr Atkin himself.

We get an exclusive look at the workshop where the wood is shaped, braced and joined.

We also talk to Mr Atkin about his own musical experiences and the great players who now perform with Atkin guitars.



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**MICHELIN RATING:** The Sportsman has been awarded a Michelin star in this year's guide to top places to eat

# Star shines on seafront pub

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE SPORTSMAN has joined an exclusive list of top restaurants after being awarded a prestigious Michelin star in this year's guide to the nation's top eateries.

The pub, set just yards from the seafront on Faversham Road at Seasalter, is renowned for serving "fancy food without the frills" with head chef and owner Stephen Harris taking inspiration from top restauranteurs such as Gordon Ramsey and Alain Ducasse, stripping dishes down to the bare essentials.

Front of house manager Emma Read said the team working at the pub were delighted by the award.

She said: "We've always been in the guide on the good food at moderate prices list. But we are all really pleased."

The Sportsman has already enjoyed rave reviews in many national newspapers, and this award is expected to cement its reputation in Kent and beyond.

The kitchen makes a point of sourcing high quality ingredients from three local farms just a few miles away. Fresh vegetables are delivered daily from Mallards Farm just around the corner, with meat coming from Waterham and Monkhill farms which are also nearby.

Meanwhile, seafood, including Whitstable

native oysters, comes from neighbouring Whitstable and Hythe, with other ingredients such as game sourced from local dealers.

Because of the strictly local nature of the ingredients, the Sportsman's menu is constantly changing, although the pub recently introduced a special tasting menu available to pre-order.

The renowned Michelin directory lists the best eateries in the UK and Ireland, offering a variety of culinary delights for a range of budgets.

Other establishments mentioned include Read's in Faversham which has retained its one star rating, although one pub, The Dove in Dargate, was removed from the guide's good food at moderate prices list.

But landlord, Phillip MacGregor, explained that he had only recently taken over the pub, which has previously been renowned locally for its gastronomic attractions.

He said: "I hope to be listed with the same accolade as previously come next year."

Inspectors anonymously visited 4,567 venues including hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and pubs.

The county has no two or three star rated restaurants.

## Log your views about harbour

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### New Marlowe Theatre gets royal appointment

THE new Marlowe Theatre has the royal stamp of approval after Prince Edward leant his name to the fundraising campaign.

A long-term patron of the arts, Prince Edward has agreed to be involved in the project until December 2010, the scheduled opening date for the new theatre.

His patronage was confirmed following a meeting with the vice chairman of the campaign board, Peter Williams, at Buckingham Palace last November.

Mr Williams said: "The meeting lasted for about an hour and Prince Edward asked a lot of questions about the theatre, the redevelopment plans and the campaign.

"It is fantastic news that he has agreed to be Royal Patron and we will meet him regularly to discuss the campaign and its progress and to get his advice."

The council hope the prince's blessing will help to inspire the fundraising effort.

### Let them know the score on club's new home plan

CANTERBURY City FC supporters have the chance to air their views over the club's proposed new home.

Canterbury council has released its draft corporate plan which, among other large scale projects, details plans for the new football centre.

The centre is intended as a training ground and community resource, as well as providing a long awaited home for the city's team.

Supporters can comment on the football centre proposal via the website – [www.canterbury.gov.uk](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk) – or in writing to Policy and Improvement, Canterbury council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW.

### Teen wrecked hostel room after vodka binge

MICHAEL Bielby drank two bottles of vodka before trashing his room at a Cyrenians hostel a court was told.

Bielby, 18, admitted criminal damage at Canterbury Magistrates Court and was given a conditional discharge for a year and ordered to pay £60 costs plus £150 compensation.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said police were called to the house for homeless youngsters in Newtown Street, Canterbury when staff complained.

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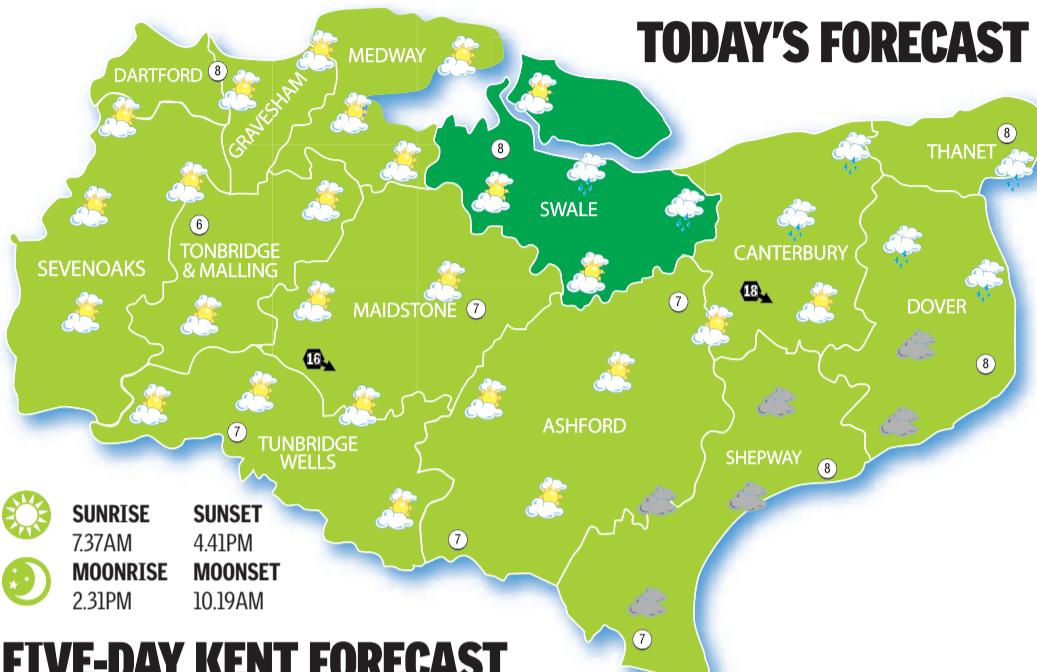
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<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	5:17pm	5.1m
	Sunday	6:45pm	4.9m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	5:27pm	5.9m
	Sunday	6:38pm	5.8m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	5:47pm	3.8m
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<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	6:31pm	4.5m
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<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	6:39pm	4.3m
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<b>Canterbury</b>	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C	<b>Maidstone</b>	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
<b>Chatham</b>	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C	<b>Ramsgate</b>	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C
<b>Dartford</b>	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C	<b>Rochester</b>	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
<b>Dover</b>	7°C	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	5°C	8°C	4°C	3°C	5°C
<b>Faversham</b>	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C	<b>Sittingbourne</b>	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	7°C	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	<b>Tonbridge</b>	7°C	9°C	5°C	5°C	7°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C	<b>Tun Wells</b>	7°C	9°C	5°C	5°C	7°C

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## City proving popular

CANTERBURY has shown a massive increase in overnight hotel and B&B stays according to research conducted by LateRooms.

The late availability booking company compared bookings from 2006 and 2007 to find the UK's emerging tourist destinations.

Canterbury came third, behind Norwich and Durham, with the number of overnight stays more than doubling.

## Party time for CSR FM

AWARD-winning student radio station CSR FM celebrated its first birthday last week with a party on campus.

Volunteers at Canterbury Student Radio celebrated at the Venue nightclub at the University of Kent. The event featured live bands, breakdancers and music played by CSR DJs.

CSR FM is the first community FM radio station in the UK run exclusively by students. Since its launch it has won a National Radio Association Award for Best Specialist Music Programme.

Canterbury Student Radio is broadcast on 97.4FM, and online at [www.csrfm.com](http://www.csrfm.com).

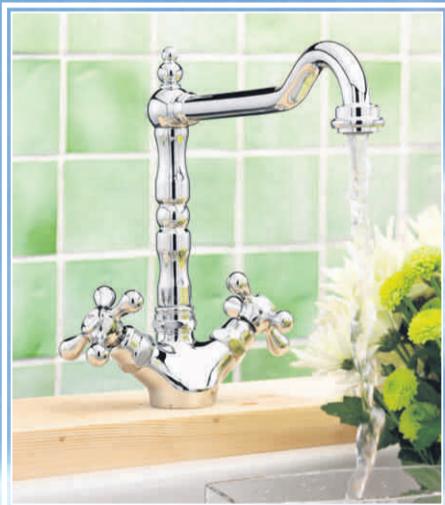
## OAP in 999 staff row

A PENSIONER will appear before magistrates tomorrow charged with threatening ambulance staff.

John Painter, 66, of Wolseley Avenue, Herne Bay, was charged earlier this month with threatening an ambulance crew with violence during a call in Knight Avenue, Canterbury, at 6pm on Wednesday, January 16.

He is due to appear before magistrates in Canterbury on Thursday.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### BRYN PARRY



**Q&A**

Head of the new national charity Help for Heroes Bryn Parry talks to Gareth Arnold about the work they do to help wounded servicemen and women, and how Shepherd Neame got involved in the project

**Q** Why did you start Help for Heroes?

**A** My wife Emma and I were privileged enough to meet the wounded at Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham. We walked into a ward of thirty or so soldiers, sitting or lying on their beds, in t-shirts and boxers and they were wounded.

They were not lying there under white sheets like in the movies, they were on top of the bed-clothes and they were missing arms and legs. One man was missing both his legs and his neck was in a brace. He was consoling the son of another soldier who had died in the incident in which he had nearly died; it was profoundly moving.

We came home determined to do something, it is difficult not to want to do something when you meet these people who are so brave, modest and humorous. And so Help for Heroes was born.

**Q** The response has been amazing, are you surprised by the scale of public feeling this represents?

**A** No. People are basically good, decent and caring. Sure, we get bound up in our lives, swept along with the current of jobs, families, stress, hassles. We have not become bad; we are just busy. But we have noticed an amazing generosity of spirit coming through Help for Heroes. By stressing that we are non-political and non-critical, we are enabling people to divorce their lack of support for the wars from

their feelings of admiration of those who are fighting them. We can show our support, by donation, for those servicemen and women who join the armed forces to serve their country and are wounded doing their duty. And this has been borne out by the donations flooding in.

We raised nearly £1.5 million in nine weeks! Surely that is unprecedented. The goodwill is infectious, and this feeling, this crazy, naïve, fun, but ridiculously addictive desire to make this work, to make a difference. People are enjoying catching this virus, this desire to help, to do something really great, to buck the system.

And when we returned after Christmas we were met with an astonishing post bag containing almost £600,000 worth of donations to be processed.

**Q** How did Shepherd Neame get involved?

**A** I love the Spitfire advertising which is very much the serviceman's humour so I contacted Shepherd Neame, had a chat and then they flew with it. The first bottles of Help for Heroes Spitfire Ale were unveiled at a special launch event and reception attended by leading supporters, trustees and patrons of the charity and the service personnel who benefit from its work.

**Q** What practical aims does the charity have for next year?

**A** We asked General Sir Richard Dannatt for a single simple task and we were asked to raise funds to help build a rehabilitation complex including a 25m swimming pool at Headley Court, the Tri-service Rehabilitation Centre at Leatherhead. We are waiting for the planners to give us an exact price but in the meantime, £5million is an estimate.

**Q** Can you see an end to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? What are the feelings of the soldiers you have spoken to through the charity about these ongoing conflicts?

**A** I am afraid we won't be able to comment on those questions. The charity is strictly non-political, does not judge the rights and wrongs of conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, nor of the current defence funding levels. Instead it is based on the strong sentiment that more can, and must, be done for service personnel.

**Q** What can people do to support Help for Heroes?

**A** They could purchase one of our now iconic three-coloured wrist-bands, which is an extremely successful means of both raising funds and spreading the word.

They could make a donation by visiting <http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/donations.html> or they could arrange a fundraising event in aid of Help for Heroes. We have been notified of a number of very creative and unusual fund raising events.

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Film-maker and youth football coach Ernie Brennan wants to change parents on the touchline. All parents should watch this



Roger de Haan was among those attending the opening of Folkestone University this month by Michael Howard

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

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# Brewery logs on to wi-fi technology

■ BY NICK AMES

A STRING of hotels across the county have become the latest to benefit from the wi-fi explosion.

Brewer Shepherd Neame has teamed up with BT Openzone to offer its customers the chance to log-on to the internet without needing to plug their machines into a phone socket.

And it is rolling out the wireless technology – which is automatically detected by built-in modems on laptops – to all 13 of its hotels in the county.

They include sites in Faversham, Canterbury, Ashford, Chatham, Deal, Broadstairs, Maidstone and Whitstable.

### Technology

While the technology is not new – wi-fi is now widely deployed by business and residential users as an easy way for multiple computers to get online – the brewer hopes the technology will lure more people to stay at its hotels and then access details on local attractions and services. In addition it allows staff to log-on to help them in their daily duties.

Nigel Bunting, Shepherd Neame's retail director, said: "Having a comprehensive wi-fi network installed across Shepherd Neame hotels was an essential step forward for us."

"The service has been an instant hit, with staff and hotel guests alike. The wi-fi technology has streamlined the running of the hotel,

from reception through to the back office operations."

Wi-fi is a limited range technology ideal for use in locations such as homes or businesses.

For hotel guests, it means for a small fee they can log-on to BT Openzone and within seconds be surfing the web – and checking out sites such as our very own free broadband TV site, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

Chris Bruce, BT Openzone's general manager, added: "While we have many partnerships with big hotel brands, we are pleased to be working here in Kent with this niche chain."

"We know it is important for them to be able to provide wi-fi access to guests in today's connected market place."

## Ring this number and help to foster

FOSTER care agency Family Matters are on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency – featured in this paper last week – is after suitable people from all walks of life to care for children after they lose their parents.

Unfortunately the number we printed last week was incorrect. The correct number to get in touch with the agency is 01303 210029.

## Yourkenttv winners

THREE top videos shown on Yourkenttv have won cash prizes for their creators.

Talented Natalie Langley used the Prodigy song Under My Wheels as the soundtrack to a wild mix of stunning visuals and costumes to make Concrete Jungle.

Together with her creative partner Katie Fotis, she uses colour, graphics, effects and visuals to amazing effect.

Natalie won the KOS Media prize of £500 which was up for grabs when our broadband TV station was launched in September.

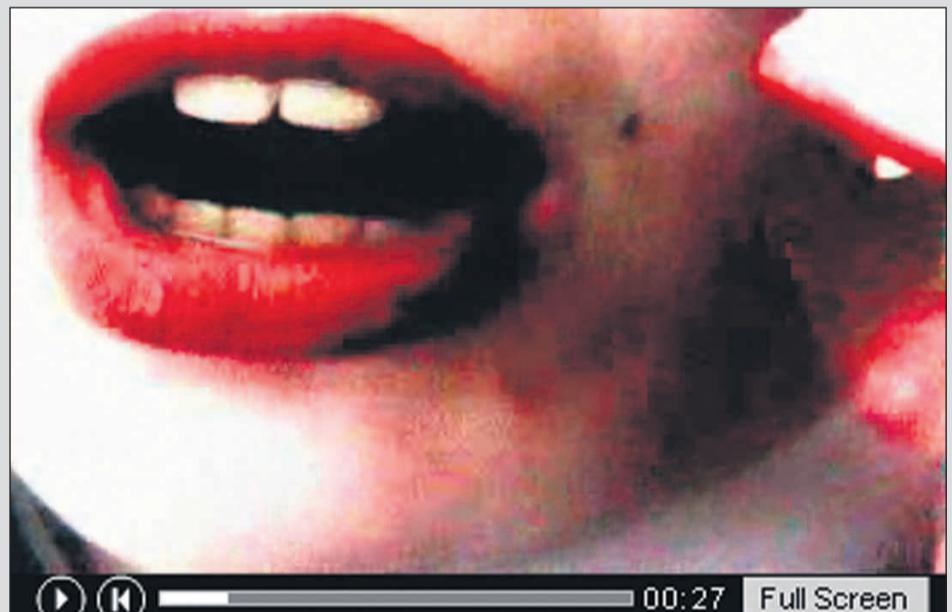
October's upload winner of £100 was Robert McMillan for his EmCee Flapjack

"music video" – the Biscuit Wrap – which has a suitable urban and gritty feel to complement street level sounds... apparently.

EmCee has continued to film and upload a series of music clips and become something of a cult figure on Yourkenttv.

November's £100 winner was Alexander Roscoe for his Sk8 Medway shoot. It saw the skateboarder performing tricks and stunts on a variety of objects from specially-created ramps and pipes, to a selection of street furniture and steps.

Congratulations to all three of our winners. Take a look at [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).



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# Young reporters make headlines at KOS Media

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

THE next generation of journalists proved they had what it takes when they came to the offices of this newspaper to see a newsroom in action.

Eleven pupils from St Nicholas School in New Romney – all members of the school's journalist club – came to KOS Media's headquarters to learn about how our papers are compiled and pick up tips on their future careers.

The youngsters, all from year six, got a guided tour of the newsroom, watched how a page is made-up and met some of our sales team.

They also gained a valuable insight into the life of a journalist from senior reporter Gareth Arnold who talked them through his busy week and explained how in this day and age he needs to be able to not just write stories but shoot video too.

And proving they had what it takes to make it in the media, they didn't hesitate to ask the all important questions; such as how much do reporters earn and what scares them?

Happy student Roxanne said: "I learnt that producing a newspaper is all about teamwork, and that everyone works to deadlines. I really enjoyed myself."

Classmate Skye added: "I had a great time and learned that if you work hard you can become an editor at a young age."

And fellow club member Georgia said: "There were lots of people in the office, I only expected there to be a few because you are not a national paper."

They learned about the launch of our award-winning sister paper Kent on Sunday and how our new midweek titles – launched in September – link in to an online offering and our free broadband TV site – [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

The club were accompanied by study sup-

port supervisors Carol Harvey and Irene Hills.

Mrs Hills said: "We all had a fantastic afternoon. We were extremely impressed by the friendly office staff and the willingness from all the staff to work with the children.

"We look forward to visiting again next year."

The club produce a regular newsletter on events at the school and the town, with all the stories written by the children.

They've even had a brush with the stars, interviewing screen legend Sir Donald Sinden,

who lives near Tenterden.

They also make regular trips to help their studies.

An upcoming jaunt will see them travel to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, while previous excursions have seen them given guided tours around the studios of the local BBC TV and radio stations.

You can see the ambitious youngsters being shown round the office online – simply click on to our online website [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

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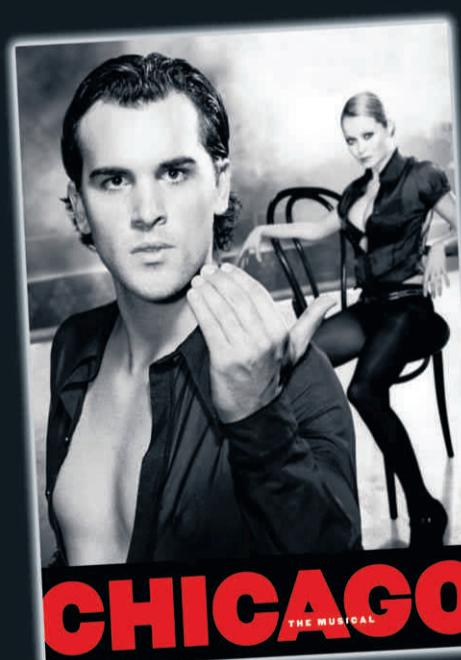
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## If mixing with the Royals and money floats your boat

IT'S not often that I mix with the top ranks of society, let alone the aristocracy, but last week I found myself next to a royal.

I did once see the Queen. It was at the Kent Show circa 1985. Well, when I say I 'saw' the Queen, what I actually saw was a lime green pastel-coloured hat bobbing above the crowd in front of me. Everyone seemed very pleased to see the hat from what I could make out.

But last week I was actually close enough to practically shake one by the hand. I was at the London Boat Show when this life-changing event happened; haggling with a man over the price of a replacement plastic handle for a self-pumping toilet. Suddenly, I became aware of a large aggressive looking man with a walkie-talkie waving at me.

I was a bit slow on the uptake as to what was going on. I suddenly saw a gaggle of photographers clicking away. Then not far in the distance I saw a familiar outline. It was Princess Anne. I think I should refer to her as the

Princess Royal – although I have never understood that title. I mean what else can a Princess be?

Anyway, as the Royal party rushed by she did in fact look at me. However, she didn't stop to chat. It was probably due to the vacant "I've seen you on the telly, haven't I?" look on my face. The Wilkinson's bag didn't help much either. It's not a shop I imagine she often finds herself in. Although everyone loves a bargain.

And that was it, in a moment she was gone and a load of us were all there looking bemused, saying to each other, "was that Princess Anne?". Soon I was back involved with the more important business; the joys of self-propelled plumbing.

The Boat Show itself was much the same as it always is. I hadn't been for about seven years but little changes. There are huge motor-boats and beautiful yachts for sale, none of which I will ever be able to afford unless my lottery numbers come up. There's the same look of disdain from the salesman as you step on to their gleaming boats. They know you will never be able to buy one of these vessels, and I

know it too, but I have a look around just to see how the other half lives. On the posher boats you can't just get on. They make you book an appointment to keep the riff-raff away.

These days there are only four types of people who can afford anything bigger than a pedalo.

There's the City boys who want to spend their huge bonus on something the chaps can race on for the summer on the Solent. They usually have it for a year and then forget about it.

There's the guys who have made a killing selling scrap metal to the Chinese and shady-looking Russian businessmen with large companions and bundles of Roubles who "want biggest boat".

The final group is perhaps the most fascinating. They're the little old men who suddenly seem to have come into a load of cash from the wife's life insurance. I always wonder if the passing on was entirely from natural causes. Or maybe I'm just jealous.

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Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460 **T**

### TRY NEW THINGS

Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **T**

### R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes. Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 **T**

### HAPPY TIMES

35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with a loving, caring guy, around 35-40. Does that sound like you? Box 435380 **T**

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Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travel, cinema, WLTM like-minded, honest, loyal male to share life with. Box 901771 **T**

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Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with family/friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love, romance. Box 813930 **T**

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Medway female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship Box 434372 **T**

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Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **T**

**NICE PERSONALITY**  
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for a special male for good times. Box 435619 **T**

**Pretty Woman Wants HER RICHARD GERE**  
Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435668 **T**

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 **T**

**MISSING MALE COMPANY**  
Chatty female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372899 **T**

**SHRINK ME!**

Eeasygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 833533 **T**

**SPICE UP YOUR LIFE**  
Professional Asian lady, 30s very west-emised, fun-loving and GSOH, WLTM solvent, professional male with no ties for relationship. Box 435232 **T**

**FRIENDS**

Black female, 38 years old, 5ft2, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429656 **T**

**MAKING ME GIGGLE**

Young female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372899 **T**

**HAPPY NATURE**

48y old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoys cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 434541 **T**

**READY TO DIAL**

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **T**

**BRING ME SUNSHINE**

Eeasygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 833533 **T**

**TIME TO SETTLE DOWN**

Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTM a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **T**

**NICE LIVING**

44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, going out, you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 **T**

**BE ORIGINAL!**

Sincerity, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **T**

**DON'T PASS ME BY**

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 **T**

**STIMULATING COMPANY**

Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396828 **T**

**EASING GOOD NATURE**

Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking similar female 25-35 for companionship and more. Box 436080 **T**

**LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE**

Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking similar female 25-35 for companionship and more. Box 436080 **T**

**GREETINGS TO THE NEW BRUNETTE**

Brutette female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, seeking fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434901 **T**

**A MILLION TO ONE**

Spiritually minded, slim lady, young 58ys, looking for someone special to share good times & fun times with. Box 907723 **T**

**READY TO START AGAIN**

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **T**

**DIG DEEPER**

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 438833 **T**

**TAKE A CHANCE**

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **T**

**MEN ONLY, NO MICE!**

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks similar male. Box 435098 **T**

**DIG DEEPER**

Deaf-based lady, 43, divorced, blonde, green eyes, 5ft10, likes clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **T**

**BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD**

Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 **T**

**FINE ROMANCE**

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, writing, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429701 **T**

**BE HERE NOW**

Melvis, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man. I enjoy music and being adventurous. Box 431913 **T**

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **T**

**WHERE R U?**

Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **T**

**DON'T KEEP ME HANGING**

Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love. Maidstone area. Box 800308 **T**

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**

Few-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814376 **T**

**THE EYES HAVE IT**

Attractive, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curly hair, slim, like country walks, cycling, seeks loving, slim fit, romantic male. Box 814376 **T**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE**

45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 **T**

**NOT ASKING FOR MUCH**

Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560 **T**

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# Name and design a mascot and **WIN £2,000 for your school**

**EXCLUSIVE** Dover-Dunkerque passenger ferry operator Norfolkline, in association with KOS Media, is inviting all Kent primary schools to enter a competition to name a new on-board mascot for their new fleet of three purpose-built ships.

In 2008, Norfolkline plan to introduce a new programme of children's entertainment on board all of their ships on the Dover-Dunkerque route and at certain times of the year the newly-chosen mascot will be on the ships to entertain children and families during the two-hour crossing.

Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

There are no other restrictions and 'Name The Mascot' suggestions

do not necessarily have to have a nautical or French theme.

To accompany all entries, Norfolkline and KOS Media would also like to receive an illustration of the number one choice of name – or all three choices if preferred – along with a written description and the history/ thoughts that have gone into coming up with the idea for a mascot's name.

Travel prizes of return ferry crossings with Norfolkline for a car and up to five passengers on the Dover – Dunkerque route will also be awarded to the runner-up and third-placed entries.

More information about Norfolkline operations can be found at [www.norfolkline.com](http://www.norfolkline.com).

**NAME THE MASCOT COMPETITION**

**Send in your entries by completing the form below and then post to:**  
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# yourletters

## TALK TIME

### EVAN JONES

Policeman Evan Jones, who previously worked in Faversham, has moved areas to be Sittingbourne's Neighbourhood Inspector



#### What are the differences and similarities between your old patch and the new one?

Sittingbourne is far more urban than Faversham and this does pose plenty of different challenges, but the main themes remain the same; anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

#### Are there any challenges specifically relating to your new area?

New developments of housing and the proposed expansion and re-development of the town centre will bring many new challenges for policing in general in the town.

#### Which partners do you aim to work with and how does this help?

I will be working with all partners including the Community Safety Partnership, which includes housing agencies, Swale council as well as health, education, highways, Kent County Council and the most important agency, the community. This will be driven through the extensive networks of meetings that have been set up on the wards in Sittingbourne, where people can come and talk to officers directly about any problems they are having.

#### You've been working on the force for quite a long time. Have the methods and aims of policing changed much since you first walked the beat?

The methods have changed greatly, especially with new technology and vastly improved communications. Crime has become more sophisticated but our goal remains the same; to protect the public and keep them safe from whatever threat they are faced with, whether this is terrorism, violent crime or anti-social behaviour on the street corner.

## YOUR LETTERS



### The Premier League sets a bad example

I applaud Ernie Brennan's efforts to crackdown on abusive parents at children's football matches (Film to tackle football abuse, Yourswale, January 23).

However, surely the real problem which fuels this behaviour is the appalling example set by Premier League players?

They react to every challenge as though they have been shot and if they feel a decision has gone against them, they squabble and swear.

While children enjoy the sport, it encourages them – and their parents – to copy their antics to the detriment of the game.

I just hope the film Mr Brennan is creating helps break these bad habits and we see a return to the so-called 'beautiful game'.

Ted Manning  
Via email

### Well done Ali, but it's the baby blues for us

I enjoyed last week's story about



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I always enjoy listening to the station and have done for years. I also think the show she presents with James Heming in the morning is excellent.

I would like to wish her the

very best of luck with her baby although I must admit the down side will be that come May she will have to leave to go on maternity. I will keep my fingers crossed she makes a return.

Roger Nash  
Faversham

## Missing our former winter wonderlands

Last week's blog asked a very good question – whatever happened to proper winters?

Snow was one of the great delights of my childhood as well. It was great to have days off school and even attending classes was so much more fun when the playground was covered in snow.

It seemed to put everyone in such a good mood, at least while it was "deep and crisp and even" and wasn't just mucky slush.

I know we have had some good summers in recent years – now we need real winters as well.

Mike Peters  
Via email

## Stop looking to past, let cricket progress

The letter you ran last week bemoaning the new developments at Kent County Cricket Club is typical of the moaning old-style supporter who does so much to hinder progress.

For far too long, KCCC has been looking to the past – to a so-called golden age.

If the club is to progress and build then it needs to look forward and part of that is a modern ground.

As a keen supporter I have heard far too much about the 70s. Let's look forward.

Neil Featherstone  
Oare

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## Boycott will stop bagged up aggression

Your correspondent who suggested a boycott of Tesco is totally in the right.

Small shops need support and these massive retailers have complete contempt for their customers.

Everyone I know hates queuing up while some bored cashier takes an hour to bag up a week's shopping for a family.

It's worth paying that little bit extra to avoid frustration and anger.

Patricia Hamilton  
Teynham

## Is there a school for wannabe politicians?

While I was watching the Meridian news last Monday, the leader of Kent County Council was asked by the presenter, after he was telling her the council had to make savings to meet a shortfall in the finances for the coming year, "where are you going to make the cuts to meet this?".

In true politician style he raised his voice and went on about the savings they had made over the last three years, completely evading the question that she put to him.

And, of course, not saying how many places needed by the people of the community they had ruthlessly shut down during this period to get this saving.

This raised a thought in my mind. Is there a special school, college or university that all budding politi-

cians and council leaders have to attend to gain their degree in the art of evasion and making promises that they have no intention of keeping?

How to line their own pockets at the expense of the rate-payers by giving themselves extortionate salaries, bonuses and trips here there and everywhere, paid for out of the money raised by depriving the poor people in the county?

If there is such a school I bet the principal is a direct descendent of the Sheriff of Nottingham who also had little time for the health or safety of his constituents.

Russell Mackinnon  
Via email



## Nurses get good pay for what they do

I was amazed and disgusted to read the letter from Linda Damon the Marie Curie nurse.

I am also a nurse and worked both Christmas and New Year, but I don't look for or want a pat on the back for it!

It is part of the job, we knew that when we took it.

We do it for the patients and for

the VERY good pay and holidays we all get.

And don't cry that nurses are poorly paid, you tell me anywhere else you can get the pay we get.

Yes I imagine you should be grateful to Asda, but they would have been better donating those gifts to the patients who probably could have used/needed them more than the nurses.

Stewart May  
Via email

## Message brings soldier reality home to us

I was very interested to read the short story you ran concerning the soldiers who have recorded messages for their children prior to leaving for Afghanistan. It is a good illustration of what people who join the services have to give up if they are to serve their country in a combat zone.

These people deserve our every support

Sandra Pearson  
Via email

## Will festival's pearl be something different?

I read in your paper last week about the dates for this year's Oyster Festival in Whitstable. I just hope the organisers serve up something a little different this year, rather than the same old parades it always has.

H Yorath  
Via email



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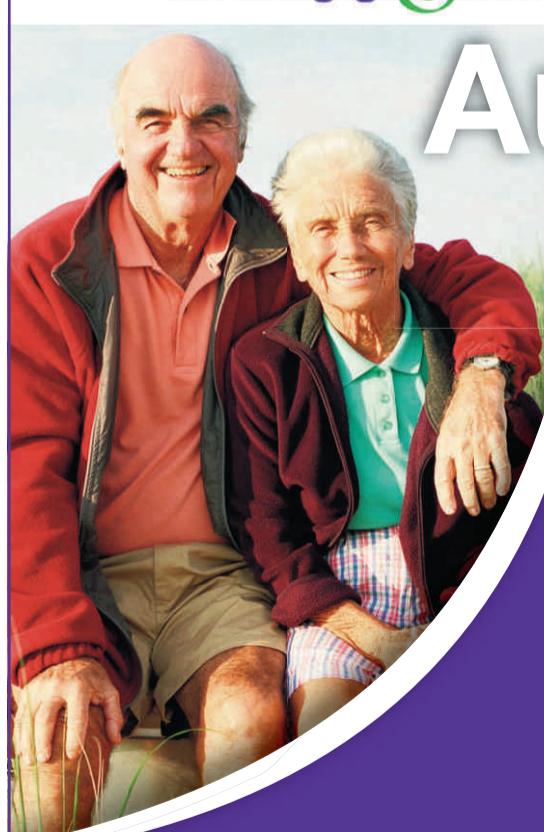
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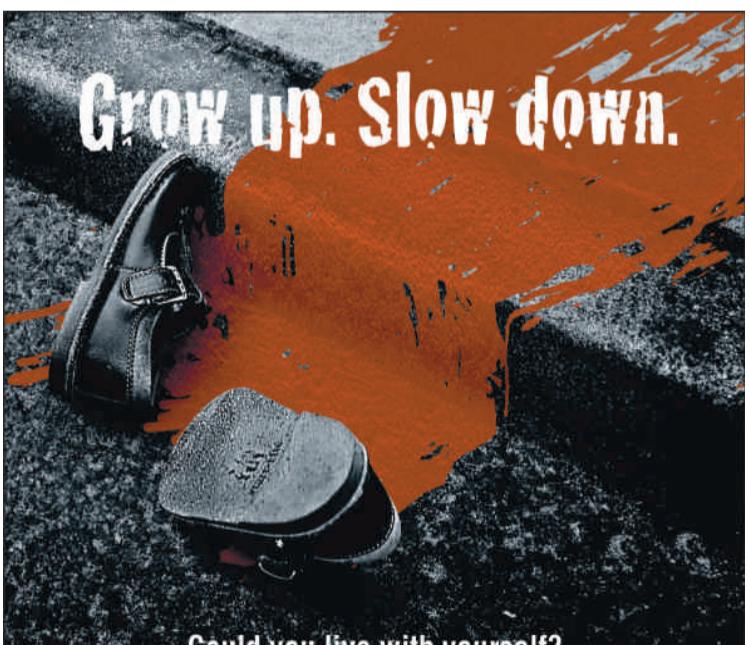
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**STILL GOING STRONG:** After countless line-up changes, Fairport Convention will be playing in Kent when they celebrate their 40th anniversary

# Back on the road again

Folk legends mark milestone with tour

CELEBRATE the 40th anniversary of a music legend when Fairport Convention arrives in Kent.

The band has attracted a huge fan base during its four decades in the business, as well as developing the world famous music festival at Cropredy. The line-up features founder member Simon Nicol on guitar and vocals, bassist Dave Pegg, Chris Leslie on fiddle, mandolin and vocals, violinist Ric Sanders and drummer Gerry Conway.

Over the years there have been many line-up changes, break-ups, reunions and even tragedy, as well as some unforgettable music.

The band began as a four-piece in 1967, which rehearsed at the family home of guitarist Simon Nicol. The house in North London was called Fairport, which inspired the name.

The first line-up lasted for just one gig in a church hall. When a young drummer, Martin Lamble, saw them perform, he decided he could do a much better job and took over the role from Shaun Frater.

Recruiting a female singer, Judy Dyble, helped the band stand out and, after playing at a number of underground venues, they were soon signed up to Island Records. With the addition of an extra male vocalist, the self-titled debut album was released by the end of 1967.

Things were going well, with the



### FAIRPORT CONVENTION

Saturday, February 2  
 Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

band on the brink of inventing the new genre of folkrock. A French language version of Bob Dylan's If You Gotta Go just missed out on a Top 20 chart slot, but it did lead to an appearance on Top of the Pops.

Then tragedy struck when the band's van crashed, killing Lamble and Jeannie Franklyn, the girlfriend of guitarist Richard Thompson. The devastated survivors almost gave up, but eventually they went back to the studio and recorded the classic album Liege And Lief in 1969.

During the 70s, there were a bewildering number of line-up changes and by the time the group stabilised, Fairport found itself without a record deal.

A farewell tour was staged and the

final outdoor concert was held in the Oxfordshire village of Cropredy, where bass guitarist Dave Pegg lived. The following year, they performed a reunion concert at the same spot and the festival was born.

There were more line-up changes during the 80s and 90s and for a while there were two versions of Fairport running in parallel. But the 21st century has seen a stable and successful band, enjoying popular tours and some new albums released.

Fairport Convention was given the Lifetime Achievement gong at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2002, while album Liege And Lief was voted the best folk album ever. It also won a Gold Disc in 2006 for its continuing sales.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or see [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk).



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### MUSIC FOR CHANGE

Thursday, February 7  
Gulbenkian Theatre,  
Canterbury



THE 10th anniversary of a ground-breaking music organisation will be celebrat-

ed with a special concert next week.

Music for Change was set up in a tiny loft space in the centre of Canterbury by Tom Andrews, who had a vision of how to tackle prejudice. The organisation's mission is to promote awareness, under-

standing and respect for cultural diversity through music and the arts.

Now Music for Change delivers more than 2,000 workshops a year and works with up to 200 skilled and experienced artists. Since 1997, it has touched the lives of more than 670,000 children and young people.

The celebratory concert features a great line-up of diverse and exotic music. Sounds from the most remote equatorial villages of Africa will be presented with an urban twist by Kasaï Masaï. U'Zambezi is a UK-based ensemble specialising in songs and dances from South African townships. Also on the bill is Téa Hodzic, a Bosnian whose voice has a haunting quality.

The concert starts at 7.45pm on Thursday, February 7, and tickets cost £12. Call 01227 769075 or see [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk). Find out more about Music for Change at [www.musicforchange.org](http://www.musicforchange.org).



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Performances start at 7.30pm, with 2.30pm matinees on Wednesday, Thurs-

day and Saturday. Sunday performances are at 1.30pm and 5.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 to £23. Call the box office on 01227 787787 or see [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com).



### SHARON LEWIS AND RICHARD POLLOTT

Friday, February 8  
Orange Street Music Venue,  
Canterbury



ALTERNATIVE folk/rock artist Sharon Lewis, pictured, and singer/songwriter Richard Pollott will perform in Canterbury next week.

Lewis, from Brighton,

toured the world and released four albums as a member of female duo Pooka. Hailed as "the queen of melody", she toured the UK and US recently with friend Rose Polenzani, a songstress from Boston.

As well as headlining in Europe, she has accompanied acts such as Everything But The Girl, The Levellers and Al Stewart. Now she has

released her first solo album, *The Hour Lilies*.

Richard Pollott is a Canterbury singer/songwriter. He released his second album last summer and has performed all over the UK, as well as at a house party for Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page.

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dish is the fine fillet of pork with fresh basil and Pecorino cheese accompanied by root vegetable mash and potatoes.

Director Edward Gaskin said: "The position of Acqua – alongside one of the oldest working creeks with the brick warehousing, wildlife and the ebb and flow of the tide along with the materials which make up the building – make the place unique."

"The personalities of those working in the restaurant along with the constantly evolving menu and eclectic wine list all add to this."

"We always try to remember every variable has to be met with top marks. No matter how good your cooking, if

your front of house lets you down – or vice versa – forget it."

Edward is also proud of his chefs who, true to the calling of their culinary art, have what he describes as "volatile personalities".

He added: "Acqua simply exudes atmosphere and style – whilst offering every client the most relaxing feeling."

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The pub is themed with artefacts commemorating US aviators Wilbur and Orville Wright – the first men to fly a plane – and their visit to Leysdown in 1909.

Other fascinating items are spread across the walls and shelves of this unusual and interesting dining venue.

Run by brewers Shepherd Neame, it "pays tribute to the inspiration and daring of the engineers of a century ago" according to Jonathan Neame.

Sirloin steak – weighing in at an impressive 8oz – is the speciality of the menu, and the pub can cater for



weddings, funerals or any other event.

The strangest request they have ever dealt with was for salmon as a main course with gravy to accompany it.

Manager Phil Chislett explained: "This is a clean and warm place catering for the island's culinary needs."

The pub is open from 11am until 11pm from Monday to Saturday and Sundays from noon to 11pm.

## Playing host to kings

THE Red Lion in Faversham is a 15th century pub with so much history it can boast King Henry VIII as a guest.

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HOMEMADE STEAK AND Ale pie using local brews is a speciality of the house, as are fish and chips. The restaurant prides itself that all ingredients are produced locally.

Laura Toon is the manager and says her ambition is to cook a special meal for former footballer and now TV soccer pundit Jamie Redknapp.

She acquired the pub when her parents used to drink there and fell in love with the place.

Eventually they bought it, ran it and then passed it on to her.

Laura said: "We have a new chef who designs the menus every season and we offer a traditional Sunday lunch as



well as specially themed evenings.

"There is a resident DJ who entertains on a Friday night, Sunday is quiz night and during the summer on a Saturday night there is a live band. The Red Lion appeals to all."

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Thanet Business College and the environmental foods group Produced in Kent are backing the scheme, along with Tourism South East and the South East England Development Association.

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# Depp's demon performance

■ BY BEN FALK

"I'LL admit it – I have shaved a grown man before," laughs Johnny Depp, who lathers his customers before slitting their throats as the eponymous murderer in new musical Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street which hit the big screen on Friday.

"He is alive," says Johnny of his 'client'. "He's walking round to this day."

The movie – for which he has just scooped a Best Actor Golden Globe and last week an Oscar nomination for the same award – provided a new challenge for the 44-year-old, whose chameleon-like ability to slip into any character and make him original is legendary. But Sweeney Todd wasn't about mere acting.

"I had never sung a song," reveals Johnny, who used to play guitar in an 80s band called The Kids.

"I was the guy who would come in and sing the harmony, very quickly. It would be all of three seconds and then I was out."

However, he admits that music was always his first love. "I wanted to be a rock star," he says. "I didn't even think about acting. I was a musician for years before I did a movie."

So when long-time collaborator Tim Burton came along asking him to take on Sweeney – based on the famously-intricate Stephen Sondheim stage musical – Johnny decided to participate in his own mini-X Factor.

He called ex-bandmate chum Bruce Witkin and went into the studio to record one of the film's songs, on the proviso that Witkin told him truthfully if he had the vocal ability to pull off the entire movie.

Witkin remembers: "I said 'Do you want the good news or the bad news?' Johnny said,

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**CHAMELEON:** Johnny Depp has landed an Oscar nomination as best actor for his role in Sweeney Todd

Johnny says Sweeney and his Cockney brogue is not based on anyone in particular. The voice, he says, comes "just from spending time over in Britain".

The UK is now only a short hop from his base in France, where he lives with his two children and girlfriend Vanessa Paradis. "I don't hang out with anybody who is famous," he says of his laid-back Gallic existence. "I don't know who is rich or poor or successful and it feels good."

Indeed, he manages to pretty much stay out of the tabloids, relishing his family time.

"I just want to spend as much time with my kids as possible," he says. "Doing simple things like going out to the trampoline and swing set, or just looking in the garden to see how the tomatoes are doing – old man stuff."

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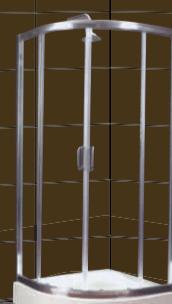
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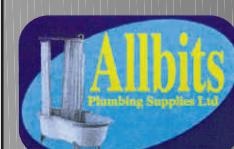
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■ BY GABRIELLE FAGAN

IMAGINE flying thousands of miles to escape the hassles of normal life and commune with nature in the raw – and ending up instead with noisy neighbours.

They roll back in the early hours, oblivious to those trying to sleep, carry on noisily partying and woe betide anyone calling time on their fun.

That's exactly what I got on safari in Kenya. For two nights outside my tent in the middle of the bush, starting with the regularity of clockwork at 3am I could hear obscene grunts and panting, and heavy bodies lurching about.

A nightmare? No, a dream come true and rather than pulling the duvet over my head and cursing I watched the outrageous antics from the safety of my tent window.

That was because the creatures aping the behaviour of the worst kind of 'chavs' abroad were hippos.

Fat, noisy beasts whose hygiene leaves a lot to be desired – their idea of a spa break is basking in thick mud on the side of the river bank – were frolicking only a few feet away.

Being so close to them was just one of the magical moments on an adventure in the heart of one of the most spectacular game reserves in the world, the Masai Mara in Kenya.

Every year, this National Park welcomes the Great Migration – two million wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle from Tanzania in search of lush grazing.

They join the resident community of other animals, including a star cast known as the Big Five because they were the most coveted by hunters – lion, African elephant, buffalo, black rhino and leopard – and a host of lesser players from hyena to monkeys.

For the first two nights we camped at Governor's Il Moran on the banks of the River Mara in a huge tent with reassuringly solid



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## Safari so good

walls' of double-thick canvas. It came complete with electricity, king size bed, crisp cotton sheets, and ensuite bathroom with a Victorian rolltop bath, shower and flushing loo.

There are only 10 tents at this intimate, exclusive sanctuary, which has no fences and blends so smoothly into the environment that the wildlife feels as 'at home' wandering through as paying guests. Guards are on hand at all times to avoid any close encounters of the wrong sort.

While facilities and food at the camp are of the highest 21st century standard, the safari experience is like stepping out of time. Awoken for tea at 6am – sunrise and sunset are the best time to see the animals – we climbed sleepily into an open truck to 'stalk' the game.

Time and again our guide took us almost within touching distance of the game.

Nothing compares with the prized sight of a pride of lions. After hours of scanning the plains, there's a real thrill of achievement when you find them.

Later, our superb three-course dinners in the open air were enlivened by the musical accompaniment of the noises of the bush – croaking bullfrogs, crickets and the far-off cries of hyena.

It was soon time to drive up into the hillside to our next stop. Mara Bushtops is like an eagle's eye with spectacular views across Mara Siana wildlife conservancy, bordering the Masai Mara.

Its accommodation is five-star, with tents on solid wooden floors facing out over the valley. A verandah, complete with a hot tub allows you to 'wallow' in much the same way as animals at the waterhole far below.

### FACT FILE: KENYA

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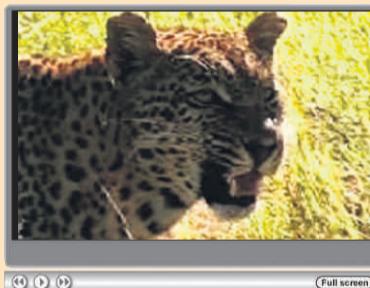
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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S better to trust your intuition than consult with friends. This will be a little scary at first, but it will also prove rewarding. Keep your thoughts to yourself between now and mid-February. A romance that fell by the wayside could come roaring back to life again in February.

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### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOUR religious, political, or philosophical beliefs are about to undergo a serious overhaul. You're starting to question the ideals with which you were raised. Talks with your boss could prove unproductive. The two of you will be working at cross purposes over the next three weeks.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DAILY life is about to undergo a transformation. Although this will force you to relinquish mainstream society, it will benefit you. It may be time to reconsider certain arrangements. You've been doing the lion's share of the work lately. Move to adjust the balance of a relationship.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could be trusted with secret information over the next few days. It's important to stay silent about these matters. Don't make any decisions regarding moving for the next three weeks, unless you plan to renew an existing lease. Be assertive in a relationship. You won't be sorry.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR personal objectives are very different from what they were a few months ago. Career goals are less important than close relationships. Getting closer to your nearest and dearest gives you a profound sense of contentment. Move forward with a stalled domestic project.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

A NEW interest could take you down some interesting paths over the next few years. Finding sexual fulfilment will become another top priority. A political or religious figure could prompt you to revise your ideas about a philosophical matter and inspire you to challenge the status quo.

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### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

AN overwhelming desire for romance and creativity could prompt you to make changes. There's no need to rush into anything; you should lay your plans with care and consider all the ins and outs of what you have in mind as they are bound to affect those nearest to you.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU'LL need to be more resourceful regarding money. Cash won't come in as easily as it has during the past few years. That's fine; you're not wasteful by nature. Still, this would be a good time to explore ways to adopt more environmentally-friendly ways.

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### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

AN increased need to succeed could prompt you to work harder and develop your leadership skills. Certain friendships will undergo changes between now and mid-February. Wasting time on people who don't have your best interests at heart is becoming a bit of a bore.

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### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

POWER struggles can emerge in close relationships. You're no longer willing to take a back seat. Similarly, people who feel they have been overshadowed by you will challenge your authority. Although it will be difficult to change these partnerships, this shift will prove rewarding.

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### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S time to break away from a restrictive emotional bond. You won't have to relinquish relationships altogether. You just need to claim a measure of independence. A lost love could return. Before you revert to old ways, sit and talk. You'll soon see very little has changed.

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### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR self image will undergo a radical change over the next few years. It may be necessary to alter your budget a bit. Cutting back on expensive luxuries will enable you to work less and play more. This is a good week to begin a brisk exercise regimen.

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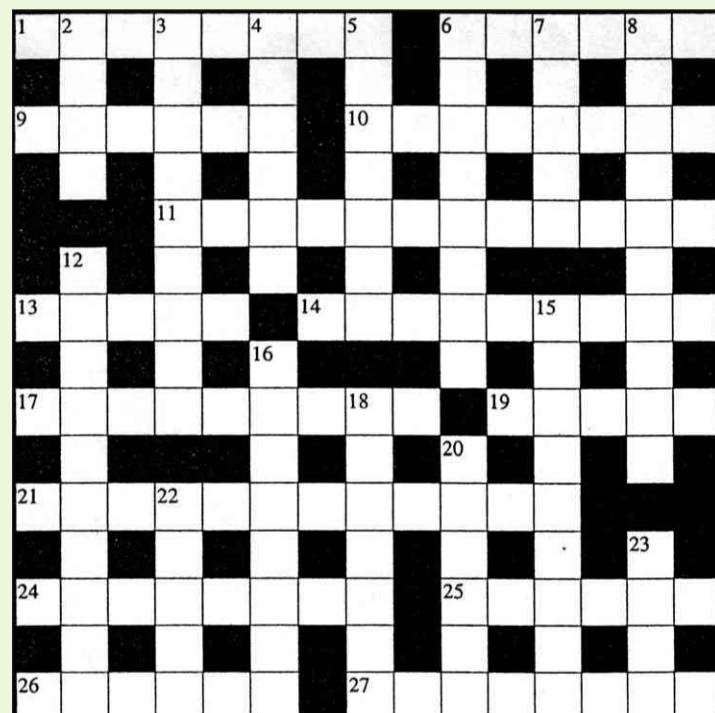
#### ACROSS

- 1 Literally it is inspired when lively (8)
- 6 Yellow church, capital (6)
- 9 Shutter (6)
- 10 Holiness of another saint going round court with young beginner (8)
- 11 Back command to start at the other end (7,5)
- 13 Buffalo is in good French surroundings (5)
- 14 In an unfailing way of course (9)
- 17 Worship a tandoori recipe (9)
- 19 Exhausted writer gets in the way (5)
- 21 He studies underground movements (12)
- 24 Gives our revised version that's injurious (8)
- 25 Understand revolutionary will become furious (3,3)
- 26 Idiot went round one lake being faintly illuminated (6)
- 27 Signify period concurrently (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Fortune made by carpet manufacturer (4)
- 3 Lake formed when river rose dangerously (9)
- 4 The right quartet inside flourish (6)
- 5 Merit of French comic verse (7)
- 6 Harmony, nothing else, in musical composition (8)
- 7 Revolutionary palindrome (5)
- 8 Not Dad's native country? (10)
- 12 Moderately intellectual in second line below the centre (10)
- 15 I'm one undergoing treatment and not willing to wait (9)
- 16 Was very conspicuous and refused to yield (5,3)
- 18 No positive amount coming from furry beast (7)
- 20 Seat is adjusted for afternoon nap (6)
- 22 Charming time? (5)
- 23 Some proper method in producing hairdo (4)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Break in a journey (8)
- 6 Boil (6)
- 9 Of the stars (6)
- 10 Thin film (8)
- 11 Pay (12)
- 13 Bow-legged (5)
- 14 Timer (9)
- 17 Part of speech (9)
- 19 Impure quartz (5)
- 21 Joblessness (12)
- 24 Retaliatory (8)
- 25 Entice (4,2)
- 26 Eerie (6)
- 27 Long-winded (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Shot (anag.) (4)
- 3 Game-bird (9)
- 4 Loudness (6)
- 5 Cameron (anag.) (7)
- 6 Brown sugar (8)
- 7 Sign of omission (5)
- 8 Compliance (10)
- 12 No runs scored off six balls (6,4)
- 15 Evening (9)
- 16 Dull the mind (8)
- 18 Sea-traveller (7)
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- 23 Fool (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No 19: 1) Seagull missing 2) Jet ski rider gone 3) Child no longer with woman 4) Man missing from boat 5) Word 'Beware' erased from sign

### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No20

- ACROSS: 1 Griddle 5 Absence 9 Skip 10 Disenchant 12 Angelica 13 Anchor 14 Steady income 17 Hold the reins 21 Oppugn 23 Icebound 24 High priest 25 Rime 26 Degrade 27 Gymnast. DOWN: 2 Raking 3 Depressed 4 Luddite 6 Bengali 7 Ethic 8 Consommé 11 Standardise 15 Cosmotron 16 Comprise 18 Hundred 19 Inently 20 Animus 22 Usher. QUICK SOLUTIONS No21 ACROSS: 1 Stopover 6 Decoxt 9 Astral 10 Membrane 11 Remuneration 13 Bandy 14 Metronome 17 Adjective 19 Agate 21 Unemployment 24 Avenging 25 Lead on 26 Creepy 27 Rambling. DOWN: 2 Tosh 3 Partridge 4 Volume 5 Romance 6 Demerara 7 Caret 8 Conformity 12 Maiden over 15 Nightfall 16 Stultify 18 Voyager 20 Bedlam 22 Mange 23 Goon.

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**SUNDAY:** A QUESTION OF SPORT (7pm): Ryan Sidebottom, James McFadden, Jessica Ennis and Sean Long line up alongside Matt Dawson and Colin Jackson.

### BBC TWO

**SATURDAY:** TEN POUND POMS (8.10PM): Fascinating look at the stories behind those who emigrated to Australia under the Assisted Passage Scheme – some of which resulted in life-long happiness, for others despair.

**SUNDAY:** AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 GARDENS (9PM): Monty Don visits Australia and New Zealand in a jaunt to find the most inspiring gardens.

### ITV

**SATURDAY:** PRIMEVAL (7pm): Sinister creatures from the future emerge as the team investigate a missing teenage boy, dragged into a flooded drain.

**SUNDAY:** KINGDOM (9.15PM): Stephen Fry stars in this gentle drama. With his brother Simon now returned, he quickly proves a handful as he embarks on an affair with the wife of the cricket team's captain.

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**SATURDAY:** GRAND DESIGNS (7.15pm): The new series continues as it follows householders on a mission to re-design and re-decorate their homes.

**SUNDAY:** TIME TEAM (5.50PM): Tony Robinson presents the archaeological show which today investigates some Roman remains discovered in the Cambridgeshire town of Stilton.

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**SATURDAY:** NEVERENDING STORY III: RETURN TO FANTASIA (4.45pm): Third instalment in the popular children's fantasy saga sees a youngster being bullied take refuge in the school library – only to find a book that magically transports him to the world of Fantasia.

**SUNDAY:** LORDS OF DOGTOWN (7pm): Movie drama examining the rise and fall of the skateboarding craze which gripped California in the 1970s and catapulted its stars into the international arena.

# Amanda judges time is right to get out of Africa

■ BY BEN FALK

LAST time we heard about Amanda Holden, the actress had discovered a dead body in the woods while she was out on a run.

It was in November and the star was out for a jog with her personal trainer when they happened across an unfortunate soul who had hanged himself from a tree.

"Can I just say, when I found the dead body, the papers said I was 39 and I'm 36!" she says. "I was more traumatised by the fact they got my age wrong than the fact I found a stiff."

"I'm so terrible, because obviously someone did lose their loved one and I don't mean to be flippant."

"I did say I could take over from Amanda Burton in Silent Witness now, because I wasn't fazed by it, purely because I didn't think it was real."

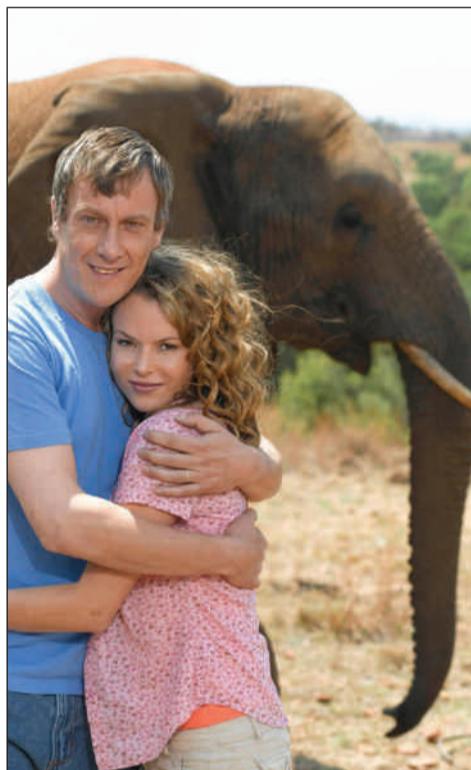
"It was awful, but not as traumatising as it could have been."

At the moment she is in gruelling training for this year's London Marathon. "I won't be like Jade Goody," she reveals. "I am training three or four times a week. I'm knackered. I went out this morning. It's good though, because you can eat loads of cake."

It's a typical Amanda response – self-deprecating, witty, honest.

Whatever you may think of her past tabloid travails (though that stuff has all settled down now she is happily ensconced with beau Chris Hughes and baby Lexi), she's never less than cheerily candid, an increasing rarity amongst celebs.

That's why she has to actively stop herself when asked about her exit from Wild At Heart, the third series of which is now underway on ITV1.



**WILD AT HEART:** Amanda Holden is set to bid farewell to co-star Stephen Tompkinson in the hit ITV1 drama

"I can't discuss the ending," she giggles. "I keep getting into trouble for giving it away."

Amanda plays vet's wife Sarah in the show, who along with husband Danny (Stephen Tompkinson) has made a new life for herself on a nature reserve in Africa. A warm and cuddly weekend drama, the end of her contract meant an important decision, though not, it turns out, a difficult one.

"To be honest, it wasn't," she admits. "Lexi is nearly two now and it got to the point where I couldn't take her out of the country for six months of the year. It's not fair on my family, it's not really fair on her."

"She was a babe in arms last year, so I had her on set all the time. But she's inherited the noisy gene from her mother and she's not really quiet on set, so we both got told off a lot for speaking. She's walking around and there's a lot of poo and creepy-crawls, so it's not really the best environment for her."

Nonetheless, shooting her final scenes ended up being one of Amanda's best experiences working on the show.

"It was brilliantly exciting, because it's all very action-packed. I felt like GI Jane, because it was physical and with lots of screaming," she explains.

"It was an emotional day, but it passed and the people that I loved there I'll stay in contact with, so I haven't lost anything really."

Is there a chance she will come back? "I did have lunch with the producer who is trying to make me come back!" she laughs. "So that's all I'll say. He can't afford me. Now I'm working for the Cowell, my expectations are high."

She confirms she is back alongside Simon Cowell as a judge for the next series of Britain's Got Talent, which is set to begin filming this month and transmit later in the year.

"I'm loving the light entertainment side of things at the moment," she says. "We start filming for three months, going round the country, auditioning."

That said, she is only signing up for one series at a time, partly so that she can try and combine it with acting and her home life (she reveals that 2008 "will be" the year she finally gets married) and partly so she can focus her energy on the Marathon, which she is doing on behalf of the Born Free Foundation, of which she is a patron.

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# yourmusic

# Who's top of our hit parade?

## Could you B our next video star?

THIS week the music page is brought to you by the letter B, specifically Graham B, who has uploaded his latest musical recommendation.

The track-suited taste maker explains how his auditory choices are limited by the fact he earns £5.50 an hour, but this doesn't stop him going absolutely mental to an early 90s remix of Sesame Street.

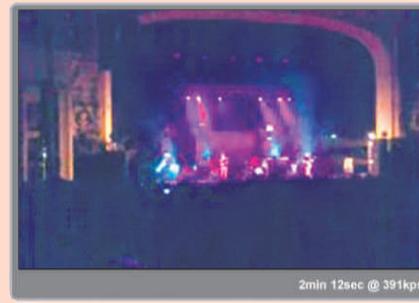
We hope to hear more of Graham's favourites over the coming weeks.

Also gracing Yourkenttv this week is My Last Mistake's tour diary. The Maidstone duo perform a stripped down version of a new song from what may be the bedroom of a Travel Lodge.

The band promise more to come as they work their way round the UK. All of which means you should bookmark [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) today for the best in local music.

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## LIVE AND LOUD



**INDIE CLASSIC:** Dancing in the disco bumper to bumper... wait a minute, where's me jumper? We've all been there, now there's another chance to see Sultans of Ping FC perform their pop classic.



**LIVE:** Every week, Maidstone's My Last Mistake will be posting a new live performance of one of their songs. Check out their MySpace page [www.myspace.com/mylastmistakeUK](http://www.myspace.com/mylastmistakeUK).

## LOCAL TV ONLINE



**REUNION:** Carter the Unstoppable Sex Machine, or Carter USM for short, performed at the Brixton Academy at a reunion gig late last year. Don't watch if you have epilepsy.



**OUR OWN JIMMY SAVILLE:** He has the tracksuits, the headband and the questionable taste in music... Could Graham B be the Jimmy Saville for the new millennium?



**SHADY:** Indie band Hazy Shade perform their song Full Circle on TV show Lads' Night Inn. We haven't seen the show either, but check out the band at [www.myspace.com/hazyshadefband](http://www.myspace.com/hazyshadefband).



**ANTHEM:** Pop rock band D-Finitive on stage at Ashford's Festival in the Park last year performing Elmo Anthem. Another reference to Sesame Street? What is going on?

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## BIRTHS

### BENEDICT-EVANS

Joshua David born on 6th December 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Son to Matthew and Helena in Ramsgate.

### BOND

Oliver Peter Frederick Bond born on 10th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Ian and Sarah Bond, and brother to Grace, in Staplehurst.

### BOYNTON

Zoe and Will Boynton of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Cadan Rhys Boynton on 13th January 2008.

### CALLOW

Ruby Sue Callow born on 16th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Tom and Lisa.

### CHADWICK

Billy Ray Chadwick born on 8th January 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Dean Chadwick and Amy Bates in Maidstone.

### COX

Tiana Rose born on 15th January 2008, weighing 9lbs 7oz. Daughter to Gordon and Christina in Ramsgate.

### DRYDEN

Finley Charles born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 1oz. Son to Garry and Racheal in Margate.

### FAIRBURN

Daniel and Louisa of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Charlie Fairburn. Born on the 22nd December 2007 weighing 8lb 10oz at Maidstone Hospital.

### FLETCHER

Colin and Alanna Fletcher of Sittingbourne celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Andrew on 5th January 2008.

### HARPER

James and Anna Harper of Paddock Wood are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madeleine Jo Harper, weighing 6lb 7oz, on 8th January 2008.

### HOWARD

Annika and Mark of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Elva, born on 7th December 2007.

### HUMPHREY

Keelan Humphrey born on 13th January 2008, weighing 5lb 15oz. Son to Gareth and Hayley of Tunbridge Wells.

### HUYTON

Zac Dylan born on the 19th December 2007 weighing 4lb 6oz. Son to Gareth and Melanie of Lydd, brother to Kaitlin.

### ILES

Steve and Sally of Chartham are very pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Sebastian Iles, on 19th December 2007. A new baby brother for Hannah, Luke, Ethan and Holly.

### JANES

Logan Marshall born on 28th December 2007, weighing 8lb 3oz. Son to Zak Smith and Megan Janes in Herne Bay. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

### JOHNSON

Romeo Anthony David born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Kim and Anthony in Ramsgate.

Nephew to Gabrielle, Michael, Donna, Shaun, Brenden and Glenn.

### KIMBER

Marilyn and Derrick Kimber of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Natasha Kathleen on 8th January 2008.

### KNOWLES

Melody and Gareth Knowles celebrate the birth of their son Benjamin Victor Knowles on the 6th January 2008, brother to Aidan.

### LAMPORT

Lucy Hickey and Andrew Lamport of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Bradley Christopher Lamport on 14th January 2008.

### LASKEY

Donna and Mike Laskey of Cliftonville celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Daniel on 10th January 2008.

### LEVESCONTE

Micky and Sam are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Brooke Levesconte born on 18th January 2008 at 12.12am weighing 7lb 13oz.

### NEAL

Jack George Neal born on 20th December 2007, weighing 6lb 1oz. Son to Jamie and Sarah in Aylesford.

### RELF

Darrel and Danni are pleased to announce the birth of their son "Louis Michael Alan Relf" Born 08th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. A little brother to William.

### RUSHBROOK

Grace born at home on 9th January 2008, weighing 7lb 3oz. Daughter to Steve and Nicola in Maidstone.

### SHARPE

Benjamin Michael Sharpe born on 18th January 2008, weighing 9lb 2oz. Son to Justin and Melanie Sharpe of Tonbridge.

### SHAW

Congratulations to Stuart Shaw and Carolyn Mallon on the birth of their beautiful daughter Abigail Joanne Shaw. Born on 9th January 2008.

### SQUIRE

Andrew and Rosaria are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sofia, born on 10th January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. A little sister for Natalia.

### STRATTEN

Jonathan and Jennifer Stratton of Wadhurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Esther Lily Margaret Stratton on 26th December 2007.

### THOMPSON

Richard and Tanja Thompson of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Milan James on 7th January 2008. First grandchild for Jackie and Roger Thompson.

### TRICE

Alfie born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Becky and David in Margate.

### TYLER

Malachi Frederick John Tyler born on 4th January 2008, weighing 10lb 3oz. Son to Graham and Emma Tyler of Tunbridge Wells and a baby brother for Tom, David, Kirsty, Zechariah, Samuel and Ayesha.

### WATERS

Benjamin Hadley born on 9th January 2008, weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to Scott and Jane Waters in Ramsgate.

### WEBSTER

Thomas Frederick Webster born on 7th January 2008, aged 51. Funeral service at All Saints Church Loose at 12 noon on Wednesday 30th January.

### WHITTLE

Jenny and David Whittle of Bearsted celebrate the birth of their daughter Katherine Mary Claire Whittle, on 15th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 7lb 8oz.

## DEATHS

### BALL

Henry Frederick Ball of East Malling passed away peacefully after a short illness on 20th January 2008, aged 73.

### STRATTEN

William Edward Baxter passed away peacefully, in his sleep, at his home in Herne Bay. A loving dad, grandad and great grandad who will be very sadly missed, not only by the family but all who knew him. The funeral was held on January 24th at Christchurch, Herne Bay.

### BAXTER

Gladys Bennett formerly of Dargate passed away peacefully on 16th January in Faversham aged 84.

### FEATLEY

Kenneth Featley of Westgate passed away peacefully after a long illness on 16th January 2008, aged 67. Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00 on 28th January. No flowers, donations to Pilgrims Hospice Thanet.

### GORE

Arthur Charles passed away peacefully on January 2nd 2008 aged 91. "A true gentleman and friend to so many."

A loving husband, father, uncle and Grandad. Forever in our hearts, God bless, rest in peace. Lots of love Sheila, Heather, Derek, Martin, Rebecca and Stuart. xxx

### ROBB

Peter Robb of Chatham died peacefully on January 12th 2008, aged 76. Funeral service at St. Augustines Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham at 2.15pm on Monday 28th January.

### SELDON

Gerard Arthur ("Gerry") Seldon died peacefully at Sevenoaks Hospital on the 15th January 2008. Memorial Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life at Chevening Church on Friday 1st February at 12 noon. No Flowers but donations to Hospice in the Weald or Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital.

### VANNES

Wendy (77) Sadly passed away 21st January 2008 at Kent and Sussex Hospital will be greatly missed by family and many friends.

### WILLIAMSON

Jill died suddenly at home on 13th January 2008 aged 49. Service at Thanet Crematorium 2pm on 30th January 2008. Flowers to Gores Funeral Directors Margate.

### WRIGTH

Doreen (Dotty) Wright. Former head of English at William Gibbs and Queen Elizabeth Schools passed away on 17 January 2008 after a short illness. Funeral will be held at Thanet Crematorium on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made to the Stroke Association care of Beltinge and District Funeral Services.

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UK RESIDENTS are increasingly buying homes abroad, either as holiday venues or places to live in after retirement.

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But as budget airlines expand their routes and make travel to places further afield easier and cheaper, some less well known places are seeing investment from these shores.

To allow for this www.protection-insurance.com, a specialist website has increased its holiday home insurance policy and now covers 44 countries. Recent additions include Bulgaria, Montenegro, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Thailand.

Aimed specifically at the owners of properties abroad, the company says it removes the difficulties of dealing with foreign insurers.

Jason Hulott, business development manager for the website, said: "This enhancement to our range of holiday home insurance products will prove invaluable to anyone owning an overseas holiday home."

"The English language policy ensures customers know exactly what is covered and means that premiums and any claims are paid in sterling."

### Bonus drop puts locals on ladder

LOWER City bonuses mean fewer high earners will look to buy big in the country this year – so local people have a better chance to move up the property ladder into their dream homes.

This is the findings of a survey by Country Life magazine which surveyed the rural housing market in the £1 million to £3 million bracket.

Property editor Penny Churchill said: "In recent years demand for country houses has always exceeded supply."

The prospect of fewer City bonus earners looking to buy second homes in the country is likely to be greeted with glee by local buyers, who see a downturn as their best chance in years of trading up to the kind of country home they have always dreamed of.

"This is especially true of the market for properties in the £1 million to £3 million price bracket in the south east where local families have been constantly outbid by City purchasers looking to invest their bonuses in a country or coastal retreat."



**HEART OF THE HOME:** Buyers place a higher value on the quality of the kitchen than they do on any other part of the house when making their buying decision

## Why luxury kitchen is the recipe for success

■ BY NICK AMES

THE kitchen is the heart of the home according to new research which shows that it is the place where families come together to socialise.

A survey discovered that time, energy and cash is spent by the majority of homeowners to ensure a state-of-the-art setting for culinary experiments and meals.

Housebuilders Redrow are behind the study which revealed three of the top ten optional extras for the home were upgrades to the kitchen.

Integrated kitchen appliances such as cookers, freezers and work surfaces were among the most popular choices, as was the installation of downlighters.

Simon Bennett, the company's marketing

and downlighters, proving that the kitchen is definitely at the heart of the home."

Redrow, who build around 5,000 new homes each year across England, Scotland and Wales, has just launched a scheme offering ways for people to personalise their homes by offering upgrades and extra fittings.

These range from taps to tiling, fireplaces in various designs, extra TV or phone points and alternative doors and handles.

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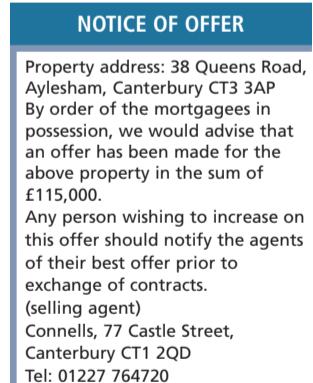
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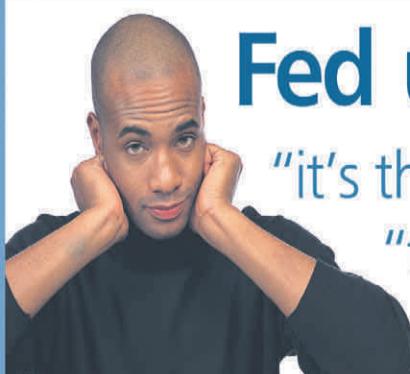
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Fiat's fortunes are looking up at last

FIAT is riding high in the aftermath of launching the highly-acclaimed Fiat 500.

An example of the retro-styled city car is still circling in a capsule aboard the London Eye – as pictured and part of last week's lavish launch event – while the parent company has announced a huge return to profitability.

For many years, Fiat suffered well-documented losses but the Italian group has announced a record trading profit of 3.2 billion euros for 2007 – 66 per cent up on 2006 and the car division almost doubled its profit over 2006, to 1.1 billion euros.

Sales of 2.234m vehicles was also the best in seven years.



### Car dealers upbeat about used market

USED car dealers are positive about 2008, despite the credit crunch and faltering consumer confidence.

But research by motor valuation specialist CAP shows dealers see a need to better match stock to customer tastes.

Some plan to feature 'unusual' or more 'exotic' cars to tempt customers, while others will focus on lower mileage, smaller/more economical cars and higher specification cars.

Half will stock more diesels than a year ago – "Expect BMW diesel (pictured) values to rise even faster then," says Kosmedia motoring editor Steve Loader.



### Multi-purpose luxury

CITROEN is taking the compact MPV to new levels of luxury with the Lounge special edition of the award-winning C4 Picasso.

The £23,995 Lounge features full black leather upholstery for four large individual armchair style seats, chrome wheels, premium sound system, vast panoramic sunroof, black bodywork, sporty rear spoiler and a special chrome grille.

Power comes from a 2.0 HDi 138bhp turbodiesel, paired with a six-speed fully automatic gearbox and offers a maximum 118mph and almost 40mpg on the combined cycle.



VERSATILE: The Toyota Verso offers a stylish exterior and all the practicalities required of an MPV, plus a drive quality that puts many of its competitors in the shade

# If you've no choice but to buy an MPV...

WOULD anyone buy an MPV unless they really had to?

I ask myself this every time I road test one and weigh the pros of more space, versatility and, sometimes, extra seats against the cons: ugliness, extra costs and terminal image failure that cannot be saved by fancy alloys and a joke spoiler.

A possible exception is Toyota's midi contender, the Verso. The car's looks are not to everyone's tastes but, within the constraints of a 'one-box' MPV design, I reckon the Toyota cuts a dash.

The view inside is equally impressive; Toyota has created an air of distinction and quality and more chance than most MPVs of deferring the inevitable "Are we there yet?" whine.

Our T180 flagship was, of course, equipped with the ultimate deterrent: a DVD system with screens on the backs of the front seats, allowing two warring factions to be kept amused.

Then, should WWIII still ensue, that's when the rear privacy glass ensures the rest of the world is kept blissfully unaware of it.

## ROAD TEST TOYOTA VERSO

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

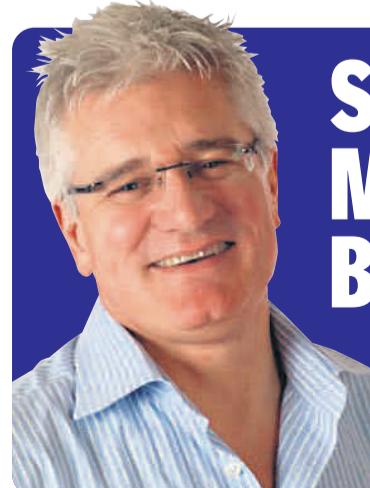
But what really impresses about all Versos is their driving appeal.

The T180 is particularly good, with dramatic low down pulling power from its 175bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel making for impressive acceleration through a crisp and precise six-speed gearbox, yet it is neither raucous or coarse so an average of 40+mpg and relaxed motorway cruising is also part of the package.

Ride quality is a shrewd mixture of comfort plus taut handling with feedback through the wheel excellent for this class – whisper it, but I quite enjoyed a week with the car, mostly driving solo.

Versatility and space is top notch with both rearmost rows of seats folding flat to the floor for easy loading in 'van mode'. The middle ones also slide to vary boot space or legroom for those in the rearmost seats.

Like many rivals, using full seven-seat capacity means that boot space is modest, though no buyer of seven-seaters in this class should expect to use the cramped extra pair more than occasionally – for the school run perhaps.



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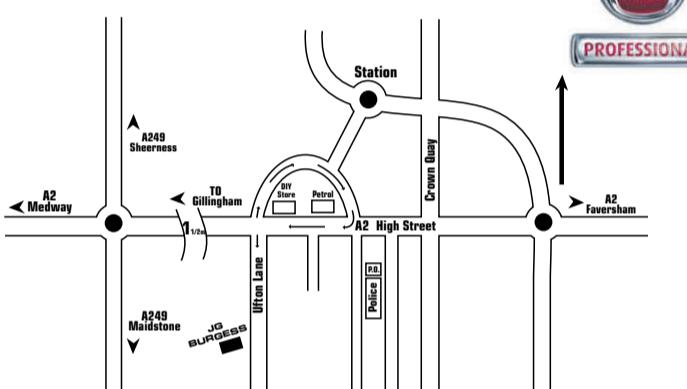


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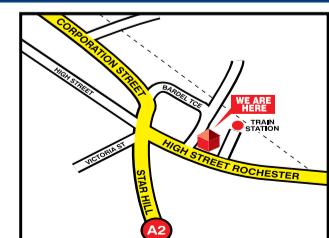
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#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### FORD MONDEO



SUCCESS almost undid the Mondeo. Ford's clout in the market for company cars means that the car used to sell in huge numbers. But being commonplace with an everyday badge on the bonnet led to avoidance by some private buyers, even though it offers a terrific mix of handling and ride; saloon, hatchback and spacious estate body styles; plus a huge range of engines and specifications – the diesels are a big improvement on those in previous Mondeos.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### TOYOTA AVENSIS



TOYOTA didn't have a great record in this sector before the latest Avensis. The previous model and its predecessor, the Carina II, were reliable but dull. The latest car is anything but mundane: styling is distinctive, build quality impeccable, refinement inspired by Toyota's luxury brand Lexus and it drives well. There is also a choice of saloon, hatchback and roomy-yet-stylish estate and two-litre and 2.2 turbo-diesels. Best of all, the Avensis comes with Toyota reliability built in.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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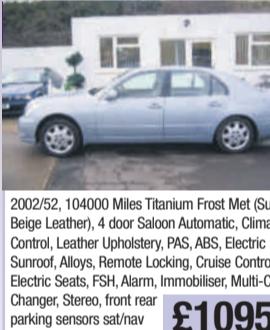
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**PUNTO**, 8v Active 3dr, 5791079, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, alarm, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, black, 18900 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, ELX JTD 1.9 3dr, nov 2001, two previous keepers, power steering, central locking, part service history, radio/cassette, cd autochanger, twin airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, sunroof, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels, gold metallic, 42,000 miles, £3,795, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.4 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 31/01/2007, cd player abs alarm driver airbag electric windows, grey, 14442 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 Zetec 5dr [Climate Pack] (2005 - 2007), 04/04/2007, cd player abs alarm immobiliser black, 18152 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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**CARENS**, Le 16v Crdi Auto, hk54 ehb, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, air conditioning, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cd player, radio, silver, 8500 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**COOPER**, 1.6 3dr, fp54gao, abs, air bag, 57039 miles, £8999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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**LAGUNA**, Sport, x, excellent condition, runner, silver, 60000 miles, £2200, Kent, 07809 880930 (PRIVATE)

**CLIO**, 1.4 Authentique Hatchback 5d, 04/2004, remote central locking, electric windows, remote mirrors, power assisted steering, twin sr's airbags, radio/cd system, renault hands free phone kit, fully body colour, one owner service history, metallic blue, miles, £4995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**MINI COOPER SPORT**, Jan 03, mileage 25,000, blue, tinted windows, chilli pack, air con, alloy wheels, 6 gears, CD player, full service history. Bargain £8,500. Contact Philip 07831 137 231 (PRIVATE)

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**CLIO**, 1.4 Expression + Hatchback 5d 1390cc, 52/2002, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, airbag, radio/cassette system, air conditioning, full body colour, service history, 1 owner, metallic silver, miles, £4795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**CLIO**, 1.2 16v Expression + Hatchback 5d 1149cc, mw02uw, 1 owner, air conditioning, abs braking power steering, group 3 insurance, sunroof, front & side airbags, electric windows & mirrors, stalk control radio / cd, height adjustable steering wheel, 45 mpg, low tax band, (cost new £9290 save £4295 on price when new), hologram grey metallic, 33500 miles, £4995, E-SURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

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**9-3, Linear TID 1.9, oct 2004** gt54wdc, two previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, twin & side airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, tinted glass, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels.

**9-3, 1.8t Linear Convertible 2d 1998cc (2004)** (120bhp) Linear Sport Saloon 4d 1910cc (2005), gt07kz, anniversary model, ice blue, 6000 miles, £17995, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

**9-3, 1.9TID (120bhp) Linear Sport Saloon 4d 1910cc (2005)**, espresso black, 31000 miles, £1495, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

**900, S 2.0, 1999, green, 63446 miles, £1495**, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**9000, 2.3 CDE Saloon 4d 2290cc auto, n, very rare auto saab 9000 griffin** very fast car very clean. immaculate for year, green, 100k miles, £1650.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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**AVENISI, 2.0 D-4T Spirit 5d, 12049127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, full leather, electric seats, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, satellite navigation, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, merlot red met, 49066 miles, £7999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)**

**AYGO, 1.0 Vvt I+, 357649, toyota aygo 1.0 vvt-i + 3dr hyundai hyundai ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 8351 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £5990, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)**

**COROLLA, 1.6 VVT-I Premium Blue 3dr, 14/02/2005, blue, 46547 miles, £10499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)**

**COROLLA, 1.6 WTI-T Spirit 5dr (2004 - 2006)**, 23/05/2005, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, silver, 11652 miles, £8299, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

**CORSA, 2007, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs air conditioning audio remote control body coloured bumpers cloth seat trim drivers airbag electric door mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel reach adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment, black sapphire, 1477 miles, £9495, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)**

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**COROLLA, T Spirit D-4d 5dr, fm04ymp, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, abs, child locks, side air bags, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 40000 miles, £7990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)**

**COROLLA, GLS VVT-I 5dr Auto, x561 jkk, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, cloth upholstery, radio cassette, multi-disc cd player, air conditioning, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, blue, 56000 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Maidstone, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)**

**COROLLA, 1.3PASSI, 505639, finished in silver with silver interior manual, silver, 25000 miles, £5995, cayfins chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)**

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For an informal discussion contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

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#### Co-ordinator Beauty Therapy

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#### Lecturer Supported Learning

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.  
 Post Ref: 06/173/KOS

#### Lecturer Basic Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.  
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#### Supply Lecturers Leisure & Tourism

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#### Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering

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 Post Ref: 06/48/KOS

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- Have an eye for detail and excellent people skills.

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Salary £13,500 - £14,500 with good benefits. An Enhanced Disclosure check will be undertaken for the successful applicant.

Closing Date: 14th February 2008

Interviews: 3rd March 2008

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To apply for this position please forward a letter of application together with a CV by email to: [m.wigington@spiressacademy.com](mailto:m.wigington@spiressacademy.com)

Closing date: Monday 4th February 2008 at noon

Interview to be held week commencing: 11th February 2008

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**Unqualified Tutor Scale £14,751 – £23,331 pa  
Temporary post for three years**

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The Adolescent Resource Centre concept is well established in other areas of Kent. The Folkestone 'ARC 25' builds on the existing models of innovative multi-agency alternative curriculum projects for disengaged and disaffected KS4 young people, providing broad professional support from a range of agencies and an exciting working environment.

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This post covers work with the client group both in centre and when needed being lead tutor on the Three Men in a Boat project which is a peripatetic learning provision working with young people with extreme and complex needs.

You will need to provide evidence of commitment to the welfare of, and effective working with, vulnerable, disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to multi-agency team working and curriculum innovation.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: CFE/08/0017

Closing date: midday, 7th February 2008.

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As a member of the Emergency Planning Group you may also be actively involved in addressing any emergency affecting the County. Ref: CD/08/0014.

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.

### Emergency Planning Officer

**Salary and location as above.**

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Knowledge of Emergency Planning would be an advantage.

Ref: CD/08/0015

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.



# DDS Demolition QUANTITY SURVEYOR/ESTIMATOR

Due to our continuing growth, we are currently seeking an intermediate Quantity Surveyor/Estimator to enhance our team in Kent and the South East.

The successful applicant should be experienced in sub contract procurement, preparing of valuations, cost reporting and the settling of final accounts for our demolition and small development sections. They should have good communication skills, be client focused and have the ability to work as part of a team.

An appropriate remuneration package including company car is available dependent on qualifications and relevant experience.

Please email CV's to  
[info@dds-demolition.co.uk](mailto:info@dds-demolition.co.uk).  
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## MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### Teacher All Saints CE Primary School

KS1 Teacher  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and temporary  
 Term of Contract: 1 year  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 1 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs G Hill  
 All Saints CE Primary School  
 Magpie Hall Road  
 Chatham, Kent ME4 5JY  
 Telephone - (01634) 338922  
 Email [headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk)

#### Skinner Street Primary School

Year 5 teacher  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and temporary  
 Term of Contract: Maternity Cover  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 19 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

School Office  
 Skinner Street Primary School  
 Skinner Street  
 Gillingham, Kent ME7 1LG  
 Telephone - (01634) 850213  
 Email [office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk)

#### St Margarets CEVC Junior School

KS2 Teacher  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 8 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Paul Gabbett, Headteacher  
 St Margarets CEVC Junior School  
 Orchard Street  
 Rainham, Kent ME8 9AE  
 Telephone - (01634) 230998  
 Email [office@stmargarets.org.uk](mailto:office@stmargarets.org.uk)

#### Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School

Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and Temporary  
 Contract: 25th Feb - 31st August 2008  
 Required From: 25 February 2008  
 Closing date: 05 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Robin Halls  
 Headteacher  
 Long Cattis Road  
 Parkwood  
 Gillingham, Kent ME8 9TX  
 Telephone - (01634) 231901  
 Email [headteacher@deanwood.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@deanwood.medway.sch.uk)

#### Deputy Headteacher All Saints CE Primary School

Deputy Headteacher  
 Salary: Leadership scale 11 - 16  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 1 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Deborah Good  
 All Saints CE Primary School  
 Magpie Hall Road  
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 Email [headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk)

#### St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School

Deputy Headteacher  
 Salary: Leadership scale 7 - 11 (£40,590 - £44,790)  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 4 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Ms J Falk  
 Headteacher  
 St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School  
 King Street  
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 Email [headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk)

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

#### Teacher Rainham Mark Grammar School

Science Teacher  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 1 September 2008  
 Closing date: 7 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

School Office  
 Rainham Mark Grammar School  
 Pump Lane  
 Gillingham  
 Kent ME8 7AJ  
 Telephone - (01634) 364151  
 Email [office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk)

#### Rainham Mark Grammar School

Mathematics Teacher  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 1 September 2008  
 Closing date: 7 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

School office  
 Rainham Mark Grammar School  
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 Telephone - (01634) 364151  
 Email [office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk)

#### Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Food Technology & Child Development  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From:  
 April or September 2008  
 Closing date: 11 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
 Rainham School for Girls  
 Derwent Way  
 Rainham, Kent ME8 0BX  
 Telephone - (01634) 362746  
 Email [dfrancis@rsg.org.uk](mailto:dfrancis@rsg.org.uk)

#### Chatham Grammar School for Girls

Teacher of Design Technology (Textiles)  
 Salary: MPS/UPS  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 1 September 2008  
 Closing date: 15 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

The School office  
 Chatham Grammar School for Girls  
 Rainham Road  
 Chatham, Kent ME5 7EH  
 Telephone - (01634) 851262  
 Email [chile001@medway.org.uk](mailto:chile001@medway.org.uk)

#### Head of subject

**The Howard School**  
 Head of Spanish  
 Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 8 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mr P Morris, Headteacher  
 The Howard School  
 Derwent Way  
 Rainham, Kent ME8 0BX  
 Telephone - (01634) 388765  
 Email [office@howard.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@howard.medway.sch.uk)

#### SPECIAL SCHOOLS

#### DaneCourt Community School

Class teacher  
 Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 2  
 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 21 April 2008  
 Closing date: 6 February 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs Royle  
 DaneCourt Community School  
 Hotel Road  
 Gillingham, Kent ME8 6AA  
 Telephone - (01634) 232589  
 Email [roylk001@medway.gov.uk](mailto:roylk001@medway.gov.uk)

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES

#### Medway Council

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 Full Time and permanent  
 Required From: 21 April 2008 or 1 September 2008

#### To apply/more information

Julie Jones  
 Teacher Recruitment Team  
 Medway Council  
 Civic Centre  
 Strood, Kent ME2 4AU  
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You will be qualified to first degree or equivalent standard and ideally have a higher degree and a post experience management qualification. Experience of HE statutory returns e.g. HESA, HESES, and NCB is essential. You will be expected to demonstrate substantial analytical problem solving skills and high level numeracy skills together with a knowledge of the structure of degree and other programmes in Higher Education.

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Closing date: 8 February 2008.

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## Library Assistant – HYMOI Cookham Wood Ref: COM0872L

Grade D2. Salary £14,492 – £18,430  
 16 hours per week – likely to include two evenings, although this is subject to change.

Based at HYMOI Cookham Wood, Rochester we are looking for a flexible, organised person who is confident working on their own or part of a small team, to work with young men between the ages of 15 and 17. You must be able to work independently, enjoy helping people, and have good customer care and IT skills. You will have a love of books and a desire to be involved in initiatives and activities to encourage reading.

Excellent communication skills are essential as you will be working with disaffected teenagers, and you will be running group activities such as a book club. You must be able to empathise with this client group whilst maintaining confidentiality and security. You will be asked to be flexible about working patterns as some evening and weekend work will be required.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure and prison security clearance.

For an informal discussion contact Megan Silver, on 01634 803251, (Monday – Thursday).

Closing date: 15 February, 2008.

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### **Additional Learning Support (CAST) Tutor**

**Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954**

The main task of the post-holder will be to organise, deliver, monitor and evaluate the additional learning support for learners. Preferably JCQ qualified. You will also have a recognised teaching qualification and be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in assessing and supporting learners.

### **Lecturer in Electrical Installation**

**Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954**

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic professionals to teach, assess and participate in the development of Electrical Installation courses. The successful candidate will assist learners in all practical aspects of electrical installation and be able to assess competence at all levels on electrical programmes. The applicant must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience.

### **Lecturer in Electrical Installation**

**Ref: 226**

#### **with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities**

**Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954**

We have an excellent opportunity for a Lecturer in Electrical Installation who will be actively involved in the development and promotion of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. This post would provide an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated lecturer to take a first step into Management.

### **Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering**

**Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954**

The primary role of the post-holder will be to teach, demonstrate, facilitate, assess machining operations and participate in the development of Mechanical Engineering courses. You will have proven experience in Mechanical Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Knowledge of CAD/CAM would be an advantage, applicants should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

### **Lecturer in Psychology**

**Ref: 262**

**Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897**

We are looking for a Lecturer in Psychology to is to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants should hold a relevant degree in Psychology and have the ability to teach A/S and A2 Level and Access courses.

### **Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering**

**Ref: 294**

**Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897**

You will contribute to the development, management and teaching of hospitality programmes. With current knowledge and practical experience of the Catering Industry you will have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in a relevant field. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification, Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and possess either a D32/33 or A Award.

### **HE Lecturer in Tourism (22 hours per week)**

**Ref: 297**

**Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata**

An opportunity has arisen for a HE Lecturer in Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on our foundation degree in tourism. You will also be required to teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a degree in Tourism and be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification.

### **Lecturer in Performing Arts**

**Ref: 081**

**Lecturer Grade B £24,361 - £27,897**

We have an exciting opportunity for a creative and dynamic individual with enthusiasm for working with younger students. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working.

You will have experience teaching in FE, ideally with an acting and/or drama specialism with a minimum first degree in relevant subject area and hold an appropriate teaching qualification.

### **Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills & ESOL**

**Ref: 383**

**Lecturer Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840**

The post holder will join a team of teachers who are responsible for delivering Skills for Life qualifications in ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills. The job involves preparing, organising and teaching ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills qualifications to full time and part time students. You will be a graduate with teaching experience and ideally have an ESOL/EFL qualification.

### **Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term & Permanent)**

**Ref: 132**

**Grade E £19,161 - £24,700**

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. A key responsibility will be to effectively liaise with departmental staff, parents/guardians and attend various meetings to share relevant information. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

### **Assessor in Engineering**

**(15 hours per week)**

**Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata**

An opportunity has arisen for an Assessor in Engineering. The successful candidates will be responsible for monitoring the progress of trainees and ensuring employers and managing agents are apprised of trainee progress in their respective areas. The post(s) will be responsible for assessing practical skills and internal verification of trainees therefore candidates should hold a relevant qualification for Mechanical Engineering or Services or Fabrication & Welding assessment.

### **Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation**

**Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700**

We are looking for an Assessor/Officer in Electrical Installation. The successful candidate will review and assess learners in all aspects of electrical installation. You must possess a suitable qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. Good communication skills, both verbal and written are essential and ability to travel between College sites.

### **Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry**

**Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700**

As a member of Construction Crafts you will liaise with employers and learners to co-ordinate, review and assess apprentices on funded programmes. You will have experience working in the Construction Industry as a Wood Occupations Assessor and have up-to-date knowledge of assessment issues.

### **Personnel Officer**

**Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000**

Using strong business acumen you will provide comprehensive generalist advice to our clients and work closely with senior managers on specific projects and TUPE transfers.

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of employment legislation, including TUPE and have significant experience of capability, disciplinary and grievance procedures. The successful applicant must have the ability to introduce change effectively and diplomatically, whilst knowledge of payroll would be advantageous. You will have obtained a degree or equivalent qualification and CIPD membership/part membership or a willingness to work towards membership.

### **Personnel Advisor**

**Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994**

As a member of the Personnel department you will compliment the existing team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Personnel function. You will provide generalist advice to managers and staff and have an understanding of recent developments in employment legislation. The successful candidate will be educated to level 2/3 or equivalent and be able to demonstrate excellent administrative skills and practical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. In addition, an interest in Payroll would be advantageous and you will have obtained your CPP qualification or be willing to work towards it.

### **Payroll Assistant**

**Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994**

As a member of the Personnel and Payroll department you will assist in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Payroll, including processing joiners, leavers, pensions and claim forms. You will be able to demonstrate excellent numeracy skills and have the ability to produce and manipulate data using spreadsheets. Previous Payroll experience and an interest in employee relations would be advantageous.

### **Technician in Beauty**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727**

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be energetic with good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within the beauty industry.

### **Travel Shop Advisor**

**(15 hours per week)**

**Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata**

A vacancy has arisen in our fully ABTA bonded travel agency for an experienced travel consultant. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of travel courses and provide comprehensive and professional travel provision for staff, students and visitors to the College.

### **Examinations Assistant**

**Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994**

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel.

### **Receptionist/Administrator**

**(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover, Maidstone)**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum**

**Receptionist/Administrator (Chatham & Rochester)**

**Ref: 397**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727**

As a member of the multi-disciplined Campus Management Team you will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception/administration and front-line experience essential.

### **Library Assistant**

**(18.5 hours per week 40 weeks per year)**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata**

As part of a team you will assist in the provision of front line library services, ensuring the delivery of high quality, easily accessible services to all users. We are looking to appoint a professional and enthusiastic individual with excellent administrative skills who is able to work accurately with alpha/numeric systems. You will be educated to GCSE or equivalent level in Mathematics and English.

### **Learner Finance Administrator**

**Ref: 615**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727**

Your prime responsibility will be to define and maintain a central College system for delivering the administrative requirements of all Learner Finance services within set financial guidelines. Services include, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Audit Learning Grant (ALG).

### **Department Administrator**

**(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover)**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum**

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications.

### **Apprentice in Administration**

**Ref: N02**

**(1 year Fixed-Term Contract)**

**Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350**

As a member of the Curriculum Team you will provide support to College stakeholders and the learning and development function. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

### **Administration Assistant**

**(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover)**

**Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum**

Working with the Learning and development team you will assist in the planning and co-ordination of all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. Advanced knowledge and experience of using Microsoft Office and the ability to plan, organise and take minutes of meetings is essential.

### **Entry to Employment Facilitator**

**Ref: N03**

**(6 months Fixed-Term)**

**Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata**

We are looking to recruit an individual with excellent administration skills to assist with the day-to-day recording of student progress and to liaise with external and internal agencies under the guidance of Tutors.

Please note that all posts are subject to a 3% cost of living increase effective from 1 February 2008.

The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

**Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference number.**

**Closing date: Friday, 15 February 2008**

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### SeaFrance's new faces

SEAFRANCE has added two new faces to its marketing team to help promote its cross-Channel ferry services.

Mark Whitling has been taken on as online marketing executive. He previously worked as assistant communications manager for the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust.

Jenny Marshall has also been appointed in the role of marketing communications executive after studying business administration with marketing.

### Freight anger at French

THE Freight Transport Association has expressed "astonishment" that French authorities in Calais have banned the use of electronic scanning equipment to detect illegal immigrants hiding in lorries bound for the UK.

The units are reported to have been banned because the French claim their use breaches EU regulations.

### Student business rally

CANTERBURY For Business is inviting local university students and graduates who are interested in starting their own businesses to attend a free 'Flying Start' rally today at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge from noon-6 pm.

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# Exports still strong despite downturn

MANUFACTURING demand in the South East has remained firm in the face of serious concerns of a global economic downturn, according to the latest CBI Industrial Trends survey.

Three months ago bosses were expressing their fears as the credit crunch began to bite – but their pessimism faded as orders for British-made goods continued to hold up and exports grew at their fastest rate for 12 years.

Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East Regional Director, said: "Manufacturers share similar concerns to other sectors about the economy – a fear that rising costs might become combined with slowing demand.

"Thankfully, the expected wobble in demand didn't materialise in the last three months and orders for British-made goods have held up, particularly from abroad.

"What we are seeing is part of a necessary rebalancing of the economy, in the face of slowing consumer spending."

He said the dilemma now facing the Bank of England over interest rates is to weigh risks of a slowdown with the real and present pressure on prices in both factories and other areas of the economy.

"Price pressures from oil and food costs will bring higher inflation in the short-term and may push the inflation rate further above target during 2008, making the Bank's decision even more difficult," he said.

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

Although export orders in particular are remaining healthy, rising food and energy costs mean bosses expect their domestic prices to go up at the fastest rate for 13 years, pushing up export prices faster than they have done over the last two years.

Demand has continued to grow, with 28 per cent of firms saying total new orders increased in the three months to January compared with 17 per cent reporting a decrease. This exceeded expectations, but slower growth is expected in the next three months.

But demand this quarter was for the most part driven by export orders, no doubt helped by the weaker pound – though much of the currency's depreciation occurred after the survey was conducted.

Exports grew at the fastest rate since October 1995, but concerns that political and economic conditions abroad will limit orders over the coming three months have increased slightly since October and expectations are for flat growth in the next three months.



FEARS FADE: Wobble in demand didn't materialise and orders for British goods have held up



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# Norton prepare for make or break month



**ALL SMILES:** Another win and Norton edge ever closer to wrapping up the title

## Get on course for martial arts

THE SWALE Martial Arts Club is hosting several courses in February for anyone interested in learning more about the sport or those who just want to keep fit.

There is a Jiu Jitsu course on February 3, a Sombo Wrestling Course on February 17 and a Combat Sombo course on February 24.

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NORTON continue their march to the Kent League after a routine thrashing of Bearsted on Saturday.

The win preserves Norton's unbeaten record and ensures they remain as league leaders in the British Energy Premier Division.

Goals from Scott Appleton, Ben Taylor, Tommy Price, Michael Holden, Harry Goodger and Kerry Glover earned the Swale side all three points.

It means Norton are 12 points ahead of the chasing pack and with games against second-placed Orpington and third-placed Coney Hall to come in February, any points picked up should confirm them as champions.

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## FOOTBALL

### Norton Sports 6 Bearsted 0

He said: "We played really well and I was really happy with the boys. This is our month now if we want to go on and win the league. If we can get through the next couple of games, we could be there. The boys have trained twice a week all season and they deserve to go up. Our three strikers have got about 45 goals between them and they have often been the difference."

Norton have put in an application to join the Kent League if they gain promotion at the end of the season.

It is expected the club will have to meet the league's requirements before they are welcomed into the division.

Kent League chairman Denise Richmond, said: "To get in to the league you need floodlights, a stand and dressing rooms. This season, working with the FA, we relaxed the rule to get Holmesdale promoted because they did not have floodlights. They were only able to get a lower level grant because of the league they were in, but being in the Kent League means they can apply for a grant of up to £100,000. The Football Foundation have followed this which means you have to be promoted before you apply."

# Brickies boss hails the hard working Akhazzan

## FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

### Sittingbourne 1 Kingstonian 0

A PRETTY spectacle this was not, but Hicham Akhazzan's second half strike ensured Sittingbourne remain in the pack for a play-off spot and shows Gary Abbott's side can grind out results.

After a poor first half where neither side created any clear cut opportunities, the second half proved a more entertaining affair in which Sittingbourne showed a stubbornness in defence that should see them in good stead towards the end of the season.

It was a bit of a smash and grab effort, when in the 77th minute a spectacular Bradley Spice free kick forced an equally spectacular save from K's goalkeeper Luke Garrard who tipped the ball round the post.

From a Steve Hafner corner, Paul Ainsworth headed goalwards and in nipped Akhazzan to strike the ball into the net for the only goal of the game.

The win puts the Brickies in seventh spot in Ryman Division One South, within a point of the play-offs.

A delighted Abbott said: "It was not the best display but our defence were brilliant. We were under a lot of pressure at times but the defence and the goalkeeper held firm.

"It was important that we bounced back after the defeat to Eastbourne last week – I am still going over that, we should never have lost it.

"I guess we made up for it though by getting three points. It looked like it had 0-0 written all over it and to be honest, I had a bit of a go at them at half-time because I wasn't happy.

"They came out and battled in the second half and I am pleased we got the three points as it keeps us in the chasing pack at the top."

Abbott was full of praise for Akhazzan, who has been an integral part of his plans, scoring five goals in 12 games. Under Abbott, he has become the club's main striker after Bradley Spice has been pushed out wide, which is quite a feat considering he was rarely in former boss Steve Lovell's plans.

Abbott said: "Hich was not playing much when I arrived. I saw him in my first game and I couldn't believe his work rate. No one works harder than him. He has been brilliant for me."



**IN FORM:** Brickies manager Gary Abbott was delighted with Bradley Spice's display after his free kick helped set up Sittingbourne's goal

On Saturday, Abbott gave a start to the returning Ian Varley and he was really pleased with what he saw. Patrick Gradley missed the game through injury, while Sabeur Trabelsi and Dan Beszant have both been released by the club.

Abbott hopes to have loan striker Stephen Goddard available for the weekend's clash with the Metropolitan Police as he has been back in training this week with AFC Wimbledon.

A win for the Brickies could see them swap positions with Met Police in fourth place.

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**IN FORM:** Faversham's Shane Hamshare (in red) has been popping up with goals from the midfield after scoring two in two, helping the team to victory in their last three games

# Lilywhites battle back to claim away victory

## FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

### Slade Green 1 Faversham Town 2

THEY say football is a funny old game. As a fan you wait all season for a win and three come along at once.

The Lilywhites had a disastrous 2007 in which they went all year without a home victory. Last week's 2-0 win against Holmesdale at Salters Lane meant the management duo of Justin Luchford and Jimmy Strouts started the year in the best possible way, sandwiched in between two good away victories.

On Saturday, the team were made to work hard for their win, especially after a poor first half in which they went a goal down three minutes before the break.

A harsh talking to at half-time appeared to do the trick as Town came out a different side in the second half and equalised in the 51st minute through top scorer and captain, Tom Hickman.

Faversham went on to claim all three points when Shane Hamshare netted in the 73rd minute to make it nine points from nine in 2008.

Luchford said: "We did not play well in the

first half at all. To be fair we were rubbish and not at the races and they took a deserved lead. They got read the riot act at half-time and we told them it wasn't good enough. Thankfully we got the reaction that we wanted. We battled well and although it wasn't a great performance, it was a hard-fought one. We are really pleased with the three points."

Saturday's clash with Hythe Town is a big one for Luchford as the Town boss was Hythe's assistant manager under Paul Fisk.

He said: "It is a massive game for me personally. Me and Fisk have not contacted each other for a couple of weeks because we have been thinking about this game and wanting to get one over each other."

# Court's promotion hopes dented

## HOCKEY

### Gore Court 0 Tulse Hill 3

GORE Court face an uphill struggle to gain promotion after they lost out to their nearest rivals on Saturday.

The defeat means the Sittingbourne side has dropped down to fifth in South Hockey League Division Two, severely denting any hopes of being promoted in the process.

Gore Court were desperate for a good performance to get back on track after a narrow defeat to Winchester last week.

Court started slowly and despite some early possession, were not able to create opportunities to score.

Tulse Hill were not threatening either, but were gifted a first half lead after a failed aerial from Aaron Glass presented the ball to their centre midfield and the within five seconds the ball was deflected into the home goal.

Court needed to react to going a goal down, but could not find their passing fluency or their rhythm. A harsh decision against Tim Wilcher saw a penalty stroke awarded for an innocuous challenge. Fortunately for Court, the Tulse Hill player missed the target.

The physical approach of the visitors and Court's wayward passing meant they only cre-



**HOPES FADING:** A disappointing defeat to promotion hopefuls Tulse Hill has halted Court's promotion bid

ated two short corners in the first half.

The home side came out for the second half determined to overturn the deficit but after a tight first ten minutes, Gore lost possession cheaply on the right side and a long pass was again deflected in by the Tulse Hill forward.

With 20 or so minutes to play, Court had to try and find another gear, but they were

unable to do so.

The visitors completed the win with 13 minutes to go after a long through ball caught the defence napping and the forward rounded the goalkeeper to score.

Saturday's game against league leaders Banbury is now critical if Court are to have any chance of promotion.

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**SPORT IN BRIEF**

## Sheppey keep within distance of the leaders

AFC Sheppey remain in the hunt at the top of British Energy Division One East after a 1-1 draw at home to second-placed Guru Nanak.

The draw leaves Sheppey in fourth spot in the division but keeps them within touching distance at the top.

Sheppey are eight points behind leaders Bly Spartans and will hope to claw some of those points back in their next fixture away to Kennington, who are second from bottom in the division.

## East miss out on sixth spot after a draw against Cray

SHEERNESS East let an opportunity to claw their way up the league go, as they drew 2-2 at home to lowly Cray Valley at the weekend.

The East could have climbed back up into the top six in the British Energy Premier Division with a win.

However, a point means Dave Down's side remain in eighth spot in the division.

The Sheppey side will be looking for an improvement on Saturday when they travel to Crockenhill.

## Cox's late effort gives Court share of the spoils

GORE Court Ladies 1st XI secured an impressive point after their 1-1 draw in Gillingham against Anchorigans.

Court started well and dominated possession creating some fine goal-scoring opportunities. Anchorigans were sharp and lively and broke quickly to earn themselves a short corner from which they scored a goal.

Court got back into the game in the last ten minutes after winning a number of short corners. Eventually, after a broken down routine, Susan Cox composed herself and scored a well deserved goal to draw the sides level.

## Bourne leave promotion hopes behind after draw

SITTINGBOURNE RFC dropped a point at the weekend after drawing 8-8 with lowly Askeans.

It means Sittingbourne have dropped right off the pace in Kent One and promotion now looks beyond them this season.

They remain fourth in the division but are eight points behind league leaders Old Gravesendians.

Bourne are next in action on February 9 when they play host to Guy's Hospital at The Grove.

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